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**This domaine in the heart of Gevrey Village** has one of the most impressive portfolios of premier and grand crus in the Côte de Nuits. Few growers can claim to have eight grand crus under their wing. Winemaker Philippe Drouhin faced the same challenges as everyone else including 17 days of rain in May when temperatures were 3 . 6 degrees below average and a protracted flowering from June 20 until July 7, commencing the harvest on October 4. The vines had been affected by coulure and millerandage, so sorting had to be done, both in the vineyard and in the winery. In many ways, everything I wanted to say about this grower was written in the introduction of their 2012s last year. These can be excellent wines when they want to be, but I would like them to be excellent wines more often. Occasionally there are some « belters ». The musigny Grand Cru was seared with all the audacity and nobility you could shake a stick at, the Mazoyères-Chambertin and Chambertin-Clos de Beze full of « stuffing », the Clos de Vougeot stylish. But then some other cuvées, such as the Bonne-Mares, Chapelle-Chambertin and Charmes-Chambertin just seem to lack the harmony and conviction you expect from these vineyards. Here is the rub. Philippe kindly let me taste from one-year-old-barrels from the same cooperage so that I could compare and contrast. If I am being honest, in all but the top three wines I felt that they did not require too much more new wood, which they ineluctably will receive by the end of their 18-month élevage. So, where as in 2012 I felt that the vintage gave them the concentration to support that level of new oak, in 2013 I am less convinced hence some of my more prudent scores. In a nutshell, I just know that this domaine has the parcels of vine to be up there with the Rousseau's of this this world. It just needs a little...fine-tuning.

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### **2013 – Domaine Drouhin-Laroze - Musigny - Grand Cru**

**A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Chambolle-Musigny, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France**

**Rating : (93-95)**

**Drink : 2018-2035**

The 2013 Musigny Grand Cru, which as usual comprises just two barrels this year, has an endearing boysenberry, raspberry preserve and forest-floor-scented nose (also a little reduction). The palate is underpinned by fine tannins and a keen line of acidity, gradually building to a harmonious finish whereby the oak is deftly interwoven. This is an assured, elegant Musigny in the making, not dissimilar in style to the Musigny from Domaine de la Vougeraie.

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### **2013 – Domaine Drouhin-Laroze – Bonnes-Mares– Grand Cru**

**A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Chambolle –Musigny, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France.**

The 2013 Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru has a sensual bouquet in the making with ample ripe black cherries and blueberry on the nose.

The palate is medium-bodied with clearly of toasty new oak that dominates the back end. It needs more fruit to be able to support this, which is why I will defer judgement until the Grand Cru is in bottle.

### **2013 – Domaine Drouhin-Laroze – Chambertin-Clos de Bèze – Grand Cru**

**A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Gevrey-Chambertin, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France.**

**Rating : (92-94)**

**Drink : 2018-2032**

The 2013 Chambertin-Clos de Bèze Grand Cru has a backward nose a first, opening reluctantly with pure dark plum, briary and mineral notes, but keeping everything in fourth, rather than fifth gear. The palate is well integrated with the oak, touches of brown sugar tincturing the red cherry and raspberry fruit and leading to a nicely poised finish. This is one of the best Grand Crus from the domaine this year.

### **2013 – Domaine Drouhin-Laroze - Clos de Vougeot - Grand Cru**

**A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Vougeot, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France**

**Rating : (91-93)**

**Drink : 2017-2030**

The 2013 Clos de Vougeot has a surprisingly backward and austere bouquet at first and only reluctantly opens to offer briary and blackberry notes with traces of seaweed with time. The palate is medium-bodied with spicy red fruit, a keen line of acidity and a sense of harmony and persistence on the finish. This is very commendable Clos de Vougeot from the domaine, definitely one of the best Clos Vougeot from the vintage.

### **2013 – Domaine Drouhin-Laroze – Chapelle-Chambertin – Grand Cru**

**A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Gevrey-Chambertin, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France**

**Rating : (88-90)**

**Drink : 2017-2027**

The 2013 Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru has plenty of lilting dark plum and strawberry fruit on the nose, nicely defined and pure. The palate is medium-bodied with supple coffe-tinged black fruit, the Seguin Moreau oak coming on quite strong toward the finish that slightly obscures the terroir expression. Like some of the other of Drouhin-Laroze's 2013s, last year's offering was showing much better.



### 2013 – Laroze de Drouhin - Charmes-Chambertin - Grand Cru

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Gevrey-Chambertin, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France

Rating : **(89-91)**

Drink : 2016-2027

The 2013 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru has a fresh pastille-like purity on the nose : candied orange peel mixed with strawberry and a touch of vanilla. The palate is medium-bodied with nicely integrated new oak, good body with black cherries, raspberry and a touch of spice on the linear finish. This is a decent Charmes-Chambertin to drink over the next decade.

### 2013 – Laroze de Drouhin - Mazoyères-Chambertin - Grand Cru

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Gevrey-Chambertin, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France

Rating : **(92-94)**

Drink : 2020-2040

The 2013 Mazoyères-Chambertin Grand Cru has a clean and perfumed, quite floral bouquet with rose-petal scents infusing the dark cherry and boysenberry fruit. There is impressive intensity and cohesion evident here. The palate is medium-bodied with silky smooth tannins, fine acidity and very good concentration on the finish, a fulsome and generous Grand Cru with plenty of panache.

### 2013 – Domaine Drouhin-Laroze - Latricières-Chambertin - Grand Cru

A pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Gevrey-Chambertin, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France

Rating : **(91-93)**

Drink : 2018-2032

The 2013 Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru offers pure red cherry and strawberry scents on the nose, interlaced with vanilla and dried flowers, a touch more complex than the Chapelle-Chambertin at this stage. The palate is quite energetic in the mouth with candied red fruit, minerals and citrus peel. Animated and long, this is a fine Latricières and one of the best offering from the domaine this year.

### 2013 – Domaine Drouhin-Laroze – Gevrey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Au Closeau

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Gevrey-Chambertin, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France

Rating : **(90-92)**

Drink : 2017-2027

The 2013 Gevrey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Au Closeau, which was taken from a one-year-old barrel, has fine, mineral-led bouquet with fine definition. The palate is crisp and delineated with fine tannins and a sense of energy toward the finish. **This is one of the better wines from Drouhin-Laroze this year.**

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### **2013 – Domaine Drouhin-Laroze – Gevrey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Clos Prieur**

**A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Gevrey-Chambertin, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France**

**Rating : (88-90)**

**Drink : 2016-2027**

The 2013 Gevrey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Clos Prieur has a more earthy bouquet compared to Drouhin-Laroze's fellow 13s : nicely defined, but broody at first. A few swirls of the glass and it begins to awaken.

The palate is medium-bodied with crisp red tart fruit, hints of orange and marmalade with a straightforward but focused, easy-drinking finish.

### **2013 – Domaine Drouhin-Laroze - Gevrey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Craipillot**

**A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Gevrey-Chambertin, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France**

**Rating : (87-89)**

**Drink : 2016-2028**

The 2013 Gevrey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Craipillots has a refined, stony nose with lifted strawberry and blackberry leaf scents that are deftly entwined with the oak. The palate is medium-bodied with light tannins and tart red cherry fruit, but feels a little attenuated on the finish, as if it wants to hurry out of the exit door.

### **2013 – Domaine Drouhin-Laroze – Gevrey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Lavaut Saint Jacques**

**A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Gevrey-Chambertin, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France**

**Rating : (89-91)**

**Drink : 2017-2029**

The 2013 Gevrey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Lavaut Saint Jacques has a well-defined but a rather conservative bouquet that does not really « let go ». The palate is crisp and taut with fine tannins, crisp brambly red fruit and citrus notes gathering pace toward the finish that is pointed and direct. There is plenty of freshness and energy here, but it is lopsided and focused on the palate rather than shared with the aromatics.

### **2013 – Domaine Drouhin-Laroze - Gevrey-Chambertin - Village**

**A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Gevrey-Chambertin, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France**

**Rating : (85-87)**

**Drink : 2015-2020**

The 2013 Gevrey-Chambertin Village has a clean and crisp strawberry and red-plum-scented bouquet that is lifted and quite precise. The palate is a little skinny on the entry and does not quite deliver the expected body toward the finish.





### 2013 – Domaine Drouhin-Laroze – Chambolle-Musigny – Village

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Chambolle –Musigny, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France.

Rating : **(87-89)**

Drink : 2017-2025

The 2013 Chambolle-Musigny Village, which comes mainly from the lieu-dit of « Les Baudes » and supplemented by fruit from « les Varoilles », has a touch more fruit on the nose than the Morey Saint Denis Village at this early stage. The palate is medium-bodied with taut tannins, tart red cherry and raspberry fruit with a stony, rather austere finish. It does not have the chutzpah of the 2012 last year from barrel, although it should gain some flesh by the time of bottling.

### 2013 – Domaine Drouhin-Laroze - Morey-Saint-Denis - Village

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from France, Morey-St-Denis, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France.

The 2013 Morey-Saint-Denis Village feels a little skinny on the nose and does not really get out of the starting blocks. The palate was a little reduced, but still, there seemed to be a lack of matiere on the finish. I will seek to retaste this from bottle.

### 2013 – Laroze de Drouhin - Bourgogne Blanc

A Chardonnay Dry White Table wine from France, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, France.

Rating : **(82-84)**

Drink : 2015-2017

The 2013 Bourgogne Blanc, which comes from vines located in Brochon, has a well defined, limestone and chalky scented bouquet. The palate is fresh and crisp on yhe entry, but alas, it falls away toward the finish.

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