

« Autumn is the Spring of Winter »

Henri de Toulouse Lautrec, French painter

News



Harvest begins... at last!

Two to three weeks later than usual, Harvests have started in France. Despite an excellent summer, we didn't catch up the late flowering. Harvests started mid-September. They've just begun in Burgundy and Bordeaux.

2014 Hachette Guide released

7 quotes, 12 stars and one « coup de cœur »: excellent vintage for Vignerons & Patrimoine in 2014 Hachette Guide. Full comment (in French) available on our website



Jancis Robinson tastes a few of our wines

British famous wine critic, Jancis Robinson, recently tasted the following wines:

- Cuvée Totem 2008, Domaine Belles Courbes Saint-Chinian : 16/20
- Présage 2011 from Domaine de la Graveirette: 16,5/20
- Côte du Rhône 2010 from Domaine de la Graveirette: 16,5/20

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More information available here: <http://www.vigneronssetpatrimoine.com/>

Zoom on Domaine Ninot

The estate

Domaine Ninot spreads on 12 Ha divided on Rully, Rully 1^{er} Cru, Mercurey and Mercurey 1^{er} Cru appellations, on the Côte Chalonnaise. Erell currently manages the estate focusing on the cellar work, accompanied by her brother, Flavien, in charge of the vineyard. In the cellar, Erell intervenes as less as possible on wines and always go for finesse and elegance rather than power.



Domaine Ninot vines

Selection of the domain



Rully blanc La Barre: based on Chardonnay coming from a plot located on Rully plateau, Rully La Barre is fermented with natural yeasts, partially in barrel (30%). The wine is lively, well balanced on fruity (citrus, pear) and flowery (hawthorn) notes.

RVF: 16/20 – Silver medal concours des Vignerons indépendants (Vintage 2010)



Rully Blanc 1^{er} Cru Grésigny: This plot is located in the south of Rully appellation on a very chalky soil, planted with 55 years old Chardonnay. When young, the nose is more discrete than La Barre. The mouth reveals a great complexity, showing the terroir minerality with a subtle oaky touch (the wine is barrel fermented and aged).

16/20 Jancis Robinson – 91/100 Gilbert et Gaillard (Vintage 2011)



Mercurey rouge Vieilles Vignes: Based on old Pinot noir vines (70 years old). Ruby color, very bright. The nose is fresh on red fruit aromas (raspberry). The mouth is concentrated yet round and very well balanced with spicy notes coming and a good length.

Gold medal Concours général agricole de Paris (Vintage 2009)

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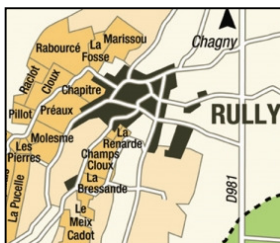
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Vigneron's quote

« We modernize the vineyard methods by going backwards in time: lower yields, no more weed killers, orientation to organic growing. »



Good to know

Erell recently acquired a new plot of Rully 1^{er} Cru Marissou, the northernmost first growth of Rully village. Planted in 50 years old Pinot Noir, the plot is ideally south-east oriented. 2013 will be the first vintage harvested and vinified by Erell. To be tasted... in one year !



Erell Ninot

Cuvee of the Month : La Galinière, IGP Coteaux de Peyriac



Château Frédignac barrel cellar

Château Frédignac started its organic conversion when Vincent came back to the familial estate, three years ago. 2013 will then be the first vintage organically certified (AB). Definitely a good occasion to discover the top cuvee of the Château, Cuvée Prestige, made from a selection of the best domain plots. Cabernet usually takes a larger place in the blend, leading to a complex, elegant and multi-rewarded wine !

Technical information

Appellation : AOC Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

Domain : Château Frédignac

Grape varieties : 65% Merlot – 25% Cabernet Franc – 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

Terroir : Clay and limestone

Vinification and ageing : Natural yeasts fermentation with frequent pumping overs.

Ageing of twelve months in French barrels (30% of new oak).

Yield : 40 HL/Ha



Vincent L'Amouller

Vincent tasting

Color : Intense garnet red

Nose : Powerful, on red and black fruit aromas, with a subtle vanilla touch.

Palate : The mouth is rich and very soft. Tannins are fine and velvety. We get a lot of fruit with light oaky notes and a very good length. A powerful and elegant wine !



Awards on vintage 2011

- Gold medal Concours général agricole de Paris
- 1* Guide Hachette 2014



Where to meet us

As soon as the vinifications end, the vigneron will hit the road to participate to different wine fairs across France. If you've got the opportunity to travel to France, have a look at our wine fair calendar: <http://www.vigneronssetpatrimoine.com/events/2013-10/>. And, of course, the wineries doors are always open!