The key to discovering the extraordinary diversity of Gevrey-Chambertin is found in the cellars of Domaine Livera. The family’s ancient, ice-cold cellar (in which wine barrels share space with homemade saucisson) and the faded pictures of family members in the vineyards over the ancient hearth give you a sense of just how connected the Liveras are with the rugged beauty and generations-deep traditions of Gevrey. Today Damien Livera is at the helm, the fourth generation of Livera winemakers in Gevrey. Crafting some of the region’s more terroir-true, supple and elegant wines, Damien has quickly established himself as one of the top young winemakers in the Côte de Nuits.

WINERY: Domaine Philippe Livera
WINEMAKER: Damien Livera
ESTABLISHED: 1920
REGION: FRANCE • Burgundy • Côte de Nuits • Gevrey-Chambertin
APPELLATION: Fixin AOC
BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir
VINEYARDS: A blend of two estate-owned plots in Fixin. ‘En Olivier’ sits at the tree line, at 960 feet in altitude, next to premier cru ‘Les Arvelets.’ ‘La Place’ is found in the heart of the village, mid-slope. Soils mix limestone and clay; white marl in both plots is believed to contribute a mineral note.
AGE OF VINES: 40 to 50 years, on average
TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of black pepper, poached plums and licorice. Flavors of poached cranberries and red plums.
PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled lamb; hard French cheese (such as Gruyère)