

DOMAINE DU COUVENT Gevrey-Chambertin 'Le Clos du Couvent' Monopole

The Chéron family's history in Burgundy started with an auspicious purchase in the 1930s: a few rows of Pinot Noir in Clos du Vougeot. Today winemaker Philippe Chéron still tends the same vines that his savvy grandfather acquired, plus some 25 acres of prime vineyard land in the Côte de Nuits. Philippe calls himself a "winemaker in the service of vineyards," and it's more than clear that each precious bottle from this small estate puts terroir center stage. Farmed organically, Philippe's wines—including three monopole vineyards in Gevrey—are a very exciting discovery in red Burgundy.

WINERY: Domaine du Couvent WINEMAKER: Philippe Chéron ESTABLISHED: 1930 (refounded 2020) REGION: FRANCE • Burgundy • Gevrey-Chambertin APPELLATION: Gevrey-Chambertin AOC BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS: The monopole vineyard 'Le Clos du Couvent,' just under one acre surrounded by stone walls, sits in the heart of the village within an 18th century convent (and also inspired the name of the domaine). The property was converted into a winemaking estate and vineyard in 1905; the buildings served as a local hospital during the two world wars. The family Chéron owns the property.

AGE OF VINES: 30 to 50 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Destemmed, with a brief cold maceration; fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled cement tanks. Aged for 15 months in French oak barrels, with approx. 25% new oak.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of warm red and purple fruits, spice, savory notes. Medium-bodied, ripe tannins, refined structure.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Red meat, game dishes, roasted duck

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