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DOMAINE TAUPENOT-MERME



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Formed in 1963 by Jean Taupenot, who brought together his family's vines from the Côte de Beaune along with those of his wife from the Côte de Nuits, the Domaine totals some 13 hectares across 20 appellations. Home is Morey-St. Denis, where the family own a fine house at the foot of the Clos des Lambrays, across the road from their cousins at Domaine Perrot-Minot.

In the twenty years since returning to the Domaine full-time, Romain has steadily lifted the quality of its wines. Surrounded on all sides by stellar names, he has risen to the challenge in his own unassuming way. Hard-working, inquisitive and with the ability to ask himself questions and set himself challenges, Romain is a generous, diligent and patient man who thoroughly deserves the recognition that he is now receiving. Thanks to his hard work and international outlook, he has opened up more than 30 markets around the world for the family. Taupenot-Merme is certainly no longer 'under the radar'.



The Taupenot family have a long lineage as vigneronns back to the early 18th Century and today it is the seventh generation at the helm, in the guise of Romain Taupenot alongside his sister, Virginie.

Morey-St. Denis is arguably the hardest village of the Côte de Nuits to define. More often than not, it is inadequately described as a staging post, mid-way between Chambolle-Musigny and Gevrey-Chambertin. Whilst this may, geographically-speaking, be hard to deny, being defined only by your similarity (or lack of) to your neighbours must be irksome. The inhabitants, however, don't seem overly concerned. There is a quiet confidence in a village which now houses some of the key players in Burgundy and the wider world of wine.

Taupenot-Merme produce fine examples of St Romain and Auxey-Duresses, appellations that are attracting more and more interest in an era of

rising prices and rising annual temperatures. There are textbook village wines from Gevrey-Chambertin, Chambolle-Musigny and Morey-St. Denis but it is, inevitably, with the crus that interest is greatest.

Starting in the south, a fine example of Nuits-St. Georges 1er cru Pruliers is offered, typical in its meaty, earthy tones but perhaps with more refinement than many other examples.

Wedged in between Musigny and Echézeaux, is the fabulous Chambolle 1er cru of La Combe d'Orveau. Noticeably fuller in body than many Chambolles from the heart of the village, Romain's old vines here yield a sumptuous wine which is surely only a half-step at most below grand cru quality.



In Morey-St. Denis, La Riotte is a 1er cru situated in the heart of the village, east-facing on a gentle slope just below the Clos St Denis. With its touches of spices and pepper, it serves as a very good example of the style of the village. To the north, in Gevrey-Chambertin, sitting at the top of the slope above Clos de Bèze, is the appropriately-named 1er cru 'Bel-Air', where all of the senses can be fully indulged and giving a style imbued of great finesse and elegance. Romain adoringly refers to it as his "baby Bèze".

There are four Grand Crus, although one of them is rarely seen: the family own 0.043ha of Clos des Lambrays, never enough to yield one full barrel,

always enough to irritate LVMH, who would dearly love to be able to add the word 'Monopole' to their version. To the north of the village, there are good-sized holdings in neighbours Charmes-Chambertin and Mazoyères-Chambertin, always a fascinating exercise to contrast them and with the latter quite possibly the best example to be found of this cru. Last but not least, there are 0.4ha in Corton Rognet, a favoured vineyard falling within the boundaries of Ladoix, facing south-east on the mid-slope and offering a most attractive, deeply-scented gamey style in the finest traditions of the famous hill.

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