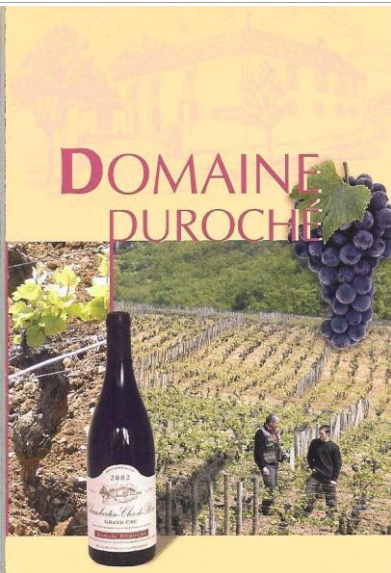


Domaine Duroché

**Gevrey Chambertin,
Côte de Nuits, France**



Extract from "Cote d'Or: A celebration of the Great Wines of Burgundy" (2008) by Clive Coates MW:

"Phillip Duroche started off with 3 ha in 1954 on the death of his father, and slowly built up this domaine to the present size before handing over the reins to his son Gilles at the end of the 1980s.

This is a very efficient set up, with a spotlessly tidy cellar in the center of the village. There is total destemming, a few days' pre-fermentation maceration, a twelve to fifteen day cuvaision, and no fining. The vines in the Champeaux are still quite young, dating from 1986, and those in the Latricieres and the Estournelles are only twenty five years old or so, though in the Clos-de-Beze they are venerable. Over the last decade, the quantity of new oak has been increased, and yields lowered. Quality is now very good, and the wines are rich and succulent. This is another address worth investigating.



Gilles Duroché

Third generation vigneron Giles Duroché, together with his son Pierre own and operate Domaine Duroché. Since taking over management of the Gevrey-Chambertin vineyards and winery from his father Philippe in 1980, Giles has continued his father's program of site acquisition in the commune. Today the Domaine works with more than 8 hectares of vines (owned and *en fermage*) across 8 appellations. Their holdings include sites in three Premier Cru and three Grand Cru vineyards including the venerable Clos-de-Beze.



Gevrey Chambertin is one of the biggest villages of the Côte de Nuits, is also one of the largest wine producing villages due to its surface area in vineyards. The soils are chalky with a high proportion of clay marl giving powerful yet "round" wines. The vineyards are on the slopes producing the Village (AOC Commune) wines at between 240 and 280 metres altitude and the Premiers Crus and Grands Crus at 260 to 320 metres. The pinots from Gevrey -Chambertin are highly coloured and with intense aromatic expression evocative of blackcurrant berries and other small red and black fruit. There are animal notes such as musk and fur, one can often pick out an aroma of liquorice in mature wine. They are powerful wines, associating abundant mellowness with tannin and a good level of acidity.

Domaine Duroché offer cuvees from three Grand Cru and Premier Cru vineyards as well as a village pinot and a Bourgogne. The vineyard holdings are:

- Chambertin-Clos de Bèze (Grand Cru)
- Latricières-Chambertin (Grand Cru)
- Charmes-Chambertin (Grand Cru)
- Lavaut Saint-Jacques (1^{er} Cru)
- Estournelles Saint-Jacques (1^{er} Cru)
- Les Champeaux (1^{er} Cru)

