

DOMAINE RENÉ LECLERC

GRIOTTES-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU



René Leclerc and his son François are a good example of the family character of Burgundy domaines. In recent years, René Leclerc has gradually passed on the winemaking and management of the domaine to his son, François. The domaine consists of 12 hectares in and around Gevrey-Chambertin, producing Gevrey-Chambertin Village, Clos Prieur, Lavaux St. Jacques 1er Cru, Champeau 1er Cru, Combe aux Moines 1er Cru and a small amount of Griottes-Chambertin Grand Cru. As with all generational shifts in Burgundy, François also brings personal experience from work in Oregon and his own vision of what his vineyards can achieve. The irrepressible François has put his stamp upon

the wines, while still maintaining a acknowledged deference to his father: a reduction in yields in the vineyards, eliminating all new oak in the cellar, and a true non-interventionist approach are all part of the current protocols chez Leclerc.

Region:	Burgundy
Appellation:	Griottes-Chambertin Grand Cru
Owner:	René Leclerc
Established:	1982
Farming Practices:	Sustainable
Soil:	Friable, Bajocian limestone with little topsoil
Grape Varieties:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard:	.68 ha (leased from Chézeaux)
Age of Vines:	40-80
Yield:	30 hl/ha

Vinification and Elevage: Grapes are pressed utilizing an antique, manual wooden press, then the juice undergoes a short cold maceration. Fermentation is completed all indigenous yeasts in traditional vats. After six months the wines are racked into neutral barrel for aging, for 15-18 months.

About the Vineyard: Griotte is the smallest of all the Grand Crus in Gevrey- just 2.73 hectares. It sits right between En La Chapelle and Charmes.

Tasting Notes: Griottes tends to be elegant and perfumed and Leclerc's is no exception. Cherries and red fruit along with violets and earth seduce the drinker.

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