



KERMIT LYNCH WINE MERCHANT

DOMAINE GACHOT-MONOT

Country: France

Region: Burgundy

Appellation(s): Bourgogne, Côte de Nuits-Villages, Nuits-Saint-Georges

Producer: Damien & Lise Gachot

Founded: Five generations ago

Annual Production: 5,000 cases

Farming: Lutte raisonnée

Website: www.gachot-monot.com



The wines of Gachot-Monot represent some of the best values in the KLWM portfolio – not because they are the least expensive, but because they offer an outstanding price-to-quality ratio. Damien Gachot may work the vineyards of the lesser known Côtes de Nuits Villages appellation, but he works his vines as if they were *premier cru* fruit from Nuits-Saint-Georges. This fifth-generation *vigneron* and his Danish wife, Lise, farm twelve hectares in the village of Corgoloin, in between Nuits-Saint-Georges and Beaune. They first came to Kermit’s attention via a trusted source—the master of La Tâche himself, Aubert de Villaine—and it certainly doesn’t hurt that Damien also received an endorsement from his friend, Bertrand Chevillon, either. Ever-smiling and tireless in his work, Damien was first saluted by the Hospices de Beaune as a young talent to be watched. We have been proud to import his wine since the 2000 vintage.

In the most competitive market for Pinot Noir in the world, it is not an easy feat making a wine taste better than the pedigree of its soil would allow. Damien’s genius is found in his ability to balance traditional philosophies in the vineyards and respect of *terroir* with more contemporary methodologies in the cellar. His style gracefully manages to achieve suppleness and approachability without sacrificing authenticity, typicity, or age-ability. Dixon Brooke writes,

Thanks to his efforts and dedication, we get a Côtes de Nuits Villages that tastes more like Nuits-St-Georges than village Burgundy. It is always deeply colored, highly aromatic, full and complex. Last year we had the 1978 vintage at a dinner with clients in Beaune, and it really turned some heads, not only among the clients but also with the local sommeliers! There were many fancier labels on the table from top names.

Kermit has built his own reputation over the years by finding values where no one else was looking. Dive in and experience great Burgundy without breaking the bank!



DOMAINE GACHOT MONOT (continued)

<u>Wine</u>	<u>Blend</u>	<u>Vine Age</u>	<u>Soil Type</u>	<u>Vineyard Area*</u>
Bourgogne Rouge	Pinot Noir	40-45 years	Clay, Limestone	2.8 ha
Bourgogne Rouge “Chant de Muses”		35-45 years		.56 ha
Côtes de Nuits Villages Rouge		40-45 years		7 ha
Nuits-Saint-Georges Rouge		50 years		0.13 ha
Nuits-Saint-Georges Rouge Aux Crots		45 years		0.24 ha
Nuits-Saint-Georges 1^{er} Cru Rouge Les Poulettes		45 years		0.23 ha
Chambolle-Musigny		40-50 years		.2 ha
Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru Les Plantes		30 years		.025 ha
Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru Les Combottes		30 years		.04 ha
Côtes de Nuits Blanc “Les Monts de Boncourt”		Chardonnay		30 years
Saint Aubin Blanc	40-56 years		.04 ha	

* “ha”=hectares; one hectare equals roughly two and a half acres

VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

- Vines are sustainably farmed
- Vines pruned in Guyot, with a density of 10,000 vines per hectare
- Vineyard holdings are situated in Corgoloin, Comblanchien, and Nuits-Saint-Georges, Chambolle-Musigny
- Vines for Chambolle-Musigny are located in three *climats*: Les Fremieres, Les Herbs, Les Mal Carrées
- Pruning, de-budding, and green harvests limit the yields
- All grapes are harvested by hand
- 100% de-stemming of the grapes
- Grapes are vinified traditionally in *cuve* for anywhere between 10-15 days, depending on cuvée and vintage
- Reds age in barrel (20-30% of which are new) for up to 18 months before bottling
- Whites age in barrel (20-30% of which are new) for up to 9 months before bottling