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Domaine Joseph Roty - The 2022 Vintage



~ PURITY AND PERSISTENCE ~

Pierre-Jean Roty is delighted with his 2022 wines. The growing season rewarded him with both exceptional quality and generous quantity, a long-term vintage which will repay some maturation in bottle yet, at the same time, the *villages* wines will be a pleasure to broach relatively early. Roty enthusiasts will remember that the wines are only offered when they are in bottle, so we must always exercise patience before we can taste them, and when we visited Pierre-Jean in Gevrey Chambertin just before Christmas we were struck by the purity and persistence of his 2022s, right across the range.

In terms of the growing season, a mild, dry winter and spring advanced flowering by some two weeks over the norm. Occasional thunderstorms in June brought some timely hydration, with one spectacular storm focused on Gevrey and Fixin causing floods and washing away quantities of topsoil. There were multiple heatwave episodes, *canicules,* where temperatures remained above 20C by night and above 33C during the day, which was a problem for younger vines in the region but, with an average age of 80 years plus across the Domaine, this was not a problem for the Roty vines. Harvesting started on 6th September to avoid a drought-induced reduction in yield, and a small amount of *triage* was required to ensure no desiccated berries made it into the vats; overall yields were, however, sound, even generous. The small and thick-skinned berries gave a low fruit to juice ratio, ensuring deep colours – Pierre-Jean reckons some are at least as deep as the startling 2020s.

If you are not familiar with the wines of Domaine Joseph Roty, we highly recommend trying these wines, especially in a year such as 2022. They are firm favourites of the Private Cellar team and mature beautifully, particularly rewarding the patient when it comes to the top wines. These 2022s will entertain across many years and will make a fabulous addition to any wine collection.

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				£ per case in bond
Bourgogne Blanc Côte d'Or	2022	12 per case	13%	£190

A blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Blanc, grown in Brochon, from a plot which will soon qualify as Gevrey Chambertin so it is likely to be replanted to red in the near future; 15% new wood. Bright gold with a nose of waxy, leafy, semi-tropical fruits, yellow jelly and a succulent lick of oak. Broad on the palate with again a marked lick of oak, citrus with notes of Jaffa orange, some sherbet and a long, juicy finish. Usually very hard to taste, the 2022 is relatively overt! Drink 2025 - 2028

Marsannay Rosé	2022	12 per case	13%	£195

If the plan for Marsannay to have *premiers crus* goes ahead, this may well turn to a red wine. Deep pink in colour, gratifyingly so, succulent and lustrous, with a nose of juicy red and white stone fruits, some herbal notes, leafy and richly creamed too. The palate is full of creamed green fruits, red berries too, herbal again with some jelly notes, and a long, smooth, herbal finish. A lovely combination of weight, fruit, and lightness. Drink 2025 - 2028

Coteaux Bourguignons	2022	12 per case	12.5%	£185

100% Pinot Noir, from 40 year old plus vines, from parcels on the eastern side of Gevrey. Vibrant, deep red black to the rim with a nose of tight dark fruits, some dark chocolate, raspberries too, and rich, leading to a tightly fruited palate of red fruits, plum and cherry, juicy with a light grilled note, with fine tannins behind and lovely intensity.
Drink 2026 - 2029

Bourgogne Rouge Côte d'Or	2022	12 per case	13%	£275

Declassified Marsannay fruit from a hectare of old vines in *lieux dits* Champs Forey and au Leautier. Deep in colour right to the rim with dark fruit on the nose, almost twisted in their intensity, with a palate of intense dark fruit, lightly grilled with rich red berry notes behind, mouthwatering with supple tannins and a grilled, juicy, pure, almost racy finish.
Drink 2027 - 2030+

Bourgogne Rouge Côte d'Or, Cuvée de Pressonnier	2022	12 per case	13%	£285
		6 Magnums	13%	£299

Formerly classed as Gevrey Chambertin, excised at the time of boundary changes and now with renewed pressure to reclassify. New plantings from 2012 were included in the blend for the first time a couple of years ago. Paler in colour, vibrant, with a nose of tight dark fruit, floral and spiced yet very restrained too, leading to a palate with tight, leafy red fruits, a hint orange zest, incredibly with a cool vintage feel to it! Then substantial tannins behind come through after the fruit, floral and smoky with a hint of dark chocolate on the finish. This will need a bit of time to open up.
Drink 2027 - 2031

Marsannay	2022	12 per case	13%	£350

From several parcels across the three villages which make up Marsannay, from old vines and all in the mid slope. Deep, not dense, red black with a nose of tight leafy dark fruit, intense and very Pinot inflected, concentrated with a distant grilled note. The palate is filled with grilled dark fruits, concentrated and focused with more marked tannins, tight and leafy and becoming more ethereal, juicy, and going to a long, structured, perfumed, intense finish. Wow!
Drink 2028 - 2032+

Marsannay Au Champs St Etienne	2022	12 per case	13%	£395

Not a real *monopole* but a *de facto* one as the only other grower with holdings here blends it into their *villages* wine. Deep not dense in colour with a nose of gorgeous Pinot fruit, violets, with some reduction and a grilled hint. Very focused on the nose, more concentrated than the *villages* wine, intense and tight, linear and mineral, with lots of juicy fruit behind, spiced and perfumed with a herbal note behind, going to a really long, smoky, grilled finish; this will need a bit of time to find its usual velvety niche. Drink 2028 - 2033

Marsannay Les Ouzelois	2022	12 per case	13%	£410

From very old vines, 80-90 years old, right in the heart of Marsannay going towards Brochon, and Joseph Roty's first vineyard purchase. Dense purple black to the rim, vibrant, with a gorgeous velvety nose of brambly dark fruit, spiced, with a grilled hint, some violets and dark fruits. Fabulous concentration of fruit envelopes the palate with deep, dark brambly flavours, sappy with big, ripe tannins behind and going to a superbly rich, intense finish. Gorgeous.
Drink 2028 - 2034+

				£ per case in bond
Côtes de Nuits Villages La Croix Violette	2022	12 per case	13%	£390

Last year when we offered this it was a blend of two parcels – Croix Violette and Queue d'Hareng; the latter belonging to Philippe Roty which has now been sold by his widow, so just Croix Violette remains. From 2024 this will become Fixin as the rules around Côte de Nuits Villages have been changed and will in future only apply to wines from Comblanchien, Corgoloin and Premeaux. Deep red black with a nose of gorgeously plummy dark fruit, some new wood too, rich and intense, really alluring, leading to a beautifully focused palate of concentrated, spiced dark fruits with supple ripe tannins behind, mineral with a herbal note and going to a long, rich, dark chocolate-infused finish. Despite the adjectives, this is a breath of fresh air! Drink 2027 - 2032

Gevrey Chambertin	2022	12 per case	13%	£625
		6 Magnums	13%	£640

From various parcels across the appellation, mostly in the middle of the village. Deep and intense in colour with a nose of juicy rich red fruit, grilled and sappy, herby and not as spiced as the Marsannays, leading to a palate of intense dark fruit, again sappy and herby, with big ripe tannins behind, tarry with some grilled oak coming through on swirling and going to a lovely, tightly fruited finish, balanced and dense and truly delicious. Drink 2029 - 2036+

Gevrey Chambertin, Cuvée de la Justice	2022	12 per case	13%	£680

5.5 *ouvrées*, or just under a quarter of a hectare, of 40 year old vines, bought personally by Pierre-Jean; the first vintage, 2021, was amalgamated into the *villages* wine. The soils come directly from the Combe de Lavaux, clay-rich yet very well drained, and stony. Deep dark in colour with a nose of fabulously intense Pinot fruit, blueberries, *sous bois* and a grilled note behind, gorgeously inviting, with the same alluring dense, perfumed fruit on the palate, supple and rich with substantial ripe tannins behind, perfumed and grilled with the fruit covering the powerful tannins and such a long, ripe finish. This is stunning. Drink 2029 - 2036+

Gevrey Chambertin, Cuvée de Champs Chenys	2022	12 per case	13%	£680

On the southern side of Gevrey, just below *grand cru* Charmes Chambertin. Deep in colour, not dense, with a nose of tight, smoky dark fruit, black cherry yet not lush, with a gorgeously structured palate with bags of tight fruit, a light hint of orange zest, big, structured tannins hidden within, juicy, fresh and almost zippy with so much going on and a hugely long, evolving finish. Fabulous. Drink 2029 - 2037+

Gevrey Chambertin, Cuvée de la Brunelle	2022	12 per case	13%	£710

Just 4 *ouvrées* here (0.17 hectare) of vines, planted in 1956 and located immediately behind the cellar. Deep, dense in colour with a nose of gorgeously expressive fruit – violets, black cherries, spices, smoky and grilled and really effusive – so alluring it draws you back in time and again. Gorgeously intense on the palate, rich and spiced, again with notes of black cherry, velvety black skinned fruit, intensely perfumed with ripe, substantial tannins behind going to a rich, dark chocolate and cacao finish. Drink 2029 - 2037+

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Les Fontenys	2022	6 per case	13.5%	£740

From a half hectare plot, in a corner next to Les Ruchottes and Mazy Bas, opposite Lavaux St Jacques, in a slight bowl which is warmer than other parcels; there are natural springs under the vineyard, three under their vines alone, a boon in a year like 2022. Deep but not dense in colour with a tightly wound nose of red cherries, some leather and spice with a distant hint of caramel leading to a rich, creamed palate, tarry and spiced with again this note of leather, distant red flowers, the ripe tannins enveloped by the fruit with subtle acidity behind and going to a long, alluring, promising finish. Drink 2029 - 2038

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				£ per case in bond
Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru Cuvée de Très Vieilles Vignes	2022	6 per case	13.5%	£1,850

Planted in the 1880s, with around 60% of the original plants still in place; the vines are not trained along posts and wire as is normal but free-standing, so Pierre-Jean does all the pruning here, as indeed he does in their tiny Griottes vineyard. Really deep in colour right to the rim, with a dense nose of rich, dark truffly fruit, some violets, grilled and focused, with a hint of dark cherry behind. Rich on the palate, really focused with smooth chocolatey fruit, floral too, dark cherry and a purer dark fruit, less truffle on the palate with a massive tannic structure behind, going to a long, intense, ripe, rich finish.
Drink 2030 - 2040+

Mazy Chambertin Grand Cru	2022	6 per case	13.5%	£1,900

Less than 2 *ouvrées* (0.086 hectare) in the middle of the lower part of Mazy; at best, it will produce just over two barrels. Deep, dense and dark in colour with a nose of violets, new wood, focused and concentrated with big dark smoky fruits, tarry and spiced and a distant note of pine leading to a massively concentrated palate with lashings of fruit, intense and focused, and again this pine note behind, layered with substantial tannins masked by the fruit, taut, going to a long, grilled, evolving finish which goes on and on. Drink 2030 - 2040

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