



Suzanne Chambers' Burgundy Trip March 30th – April 3rd 2009

Going to Burgundy is one of the highlights of my work, and representing a handful of the best estates in Burgundy makes my visiting our wineries pure joy. Reading the press about the 2007 vintage was disappointing as it gave an unjust blanket statement about the vintage, much of which has proven incorrect.

In late March and early April I was in Burgundy with my father Jack Chambers who is responsible for my introduction to Burgundy, and with my step daughter Christina who works for a great restaurant in Manhattan and runs their wine program. We were all very impressed with the wines; there was a thread through all of them showing great purity of fruit.

These are what the term “terrior” is all about. From all of my reading and talking to wineries it seems that the reds from the Cote de Nuits faired much better than those of the Cote de Beaune. The wines are showy, with bright red fruits, and have great acidity, and silky tannins. These are wines of finesse, which will show beautifully both near term and for the Grand Crus over the next 10 years.

It's worth noting that the whites from the Cote de Nuits are rare and quite different from those of the Cote de Beaune. They are rich and complex, and also have an earthy minerality. Don't miss those of the Domaine Comte Georges de Vogue, Domaine de L'Arlot, and Domaine Dujac. Our allocations are very small for these wines although they are often overlooked, so ask!

Our suppliers and all of us at Chambers are very sensitive to the state of the economy, and we are doing everything we possibly can to offer our 2007 Burgundies at the best possible prices. Our wineries are in the top of the who's who of great producers, so don't overlook our pre-arrival offer this month which can be found in the Trade Zone of our site. You may also read about each property and the 2007 vintage by following the links on this page.

-Suzanne Chambers, President