

## Domaine Denis Mortet



### 94 points | 2011 Chambertin

There were 2.5 barrels of the 2011 Chambertin Grand Cru. It has a very expressive, very intense bouquet with dark-berry fruit, hints of licorice, wild mint and forest-floor that does not unfold but more explodes from the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with a spicy, mushroom-tinged opening. Quite masculine and structured with dry tannins on the finish, this will need several years to really harmonize and show its personality. Fine – but the 2012 is better.

### 94 points | 2011 Gevrey Chambertin Lavaux St Jacques

The 2011 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Lavaux St Jacques was matured entirely in new oak. It has a very ripe, lifted bouquet carried by the new oak at the moment, but there appears to be sufficient fruit underneath to keep it balanced and allow the terroir to show through with age. The palate is medium-bodied with a vibrant spicy opening. This is a vivacious Lavaux with fiery red and black fruit mixed with licorice and a crisp, tense, very spicy finish that leaves an impression. Allow it several years to shed that new oak and you will have a superb Gevrey on your hands. Drink 2017-2033.

### 93 points | 2011 Gevrey Chambertin Champeaux

The 2011 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Champeaux saw 80% new oak and 30% whole-cluster fruit. The nose is ripe and candied on the entry: blackberry, raspberry and a touch of vanilla. Quite modern in style but nicely defined. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine tannins, much more elegant than the aromatics suggest with just a hint of spice on the intense finish. There is a saline aftertaste that is very attractive, though I would give this Gevrey-Chambertin 4-5 years to really coalesce and develop secondary notes. Drink 2016-2030.

### 92 points | 2011 Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru

The 2011 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru has a lifted vivacious bouquet with small, dark cherries and raspberry fruit bolstered by the 80% new oak and the 30% whole-cluster fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with a crisp, refined entry. There is wonderful purity here and it builds in the mouth towards a succulent, well-defined finish adorned with subtle peppery notes on the aftertaste. This is very fine. Drink 2015-2028.

### 91 points | 2011 Clos Vougeot

The 2011 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru was matured 100% in new oak. The oak seems more dominant than the Lavaux St. Jacques at this stage, the terroir unable to impress itself upon the aromatics to the same degree. The palate is medium-bodied with a slightly leafy entry. It is nicely balanced with a touch of spice toward the finish, although personally I prefer the aforementioned Gevrey premier cru. Drink 2016-2030.

### 90 points | 2011 Gevrey Chambertin

The 2011 Gevrey-Chambertin Village has a fragrant, very pure and delineated bouquet with lifted Morello and wild-strawberry scents, the new oak nicely integrated. The palate is medium-bodied, rounded on the entry with crisp acidity and quite a solid, insistent finish that lingers nicely in the mouth. This deserves two or three years in bottle. Drink 2015-2024.

### 89 points | 2011 Gevrey Chambertin Vieilles Vignes

The 2011 Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes was aged in 60% new oak. Here, I feel the wood is a little pronounced compared to the other crus. The palate has a thick entry with rounded, quite bold tannins. There is good substance here but at the moment I prefer the finesse displayed by the younger vines. This is a square-jawed Gevrey-Chambertin, where I am seeking a little more finesse. Drink 2015-2025.