

## Visit to Domaine Berthaut-Gerbet – tasting the 2018s

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Burgundy is a magnificent place with tremendous wines, tasty food, beautiful countryside and villages to experience and enjoy.

This is, however, a problem when on a wine-tasting trip. There are too many appointments and too little time to simply live and enjoy Burgundy, to indulge and float through hedonistic pleasure and peaceful relaxation.

This is what Burgundy can do for you: relax you and get you in touch with your emotions while leaving everyday stress behind. The question is, however, does it?



I normally have three or four tastings a day; not many compared to some, but still too many to really appreciate Burgundy. Note to self: Take your time!

So this was a busy day, and I knew beforehand that the schedule was packed from Amélie Berthaut on. This was not the way to do it, as I should have left plenty of time to taste Amélie's delightful wines.

Her wines are magnificent, and over the last three or four years the quality has increased. The wines are consistently of high quality, even in a difficult year like 2018.

### A bit about Domaine Berthaut-Gerbet

Amélie Berthaut has taken over the vineyards of Domaine Berthaut in Fixin from her father's side, and two thirds of the vineyards from Domaine Gerbet in Vosne-Romanée from her mother's family. Additionally, she rents some vineyards in Gevrey-Chambertin from the Mercier family (Domaine des Chezeaux). Overall she's in charge of 18 ha, which is a sizeable estate.

Nicolas Faure, Amélie's husband, has taken over as vineyard manager at Domaine Berthaut-Gerbet, so the team is in place to produce great wines.

### Notes from the tasting on November 13

The 2018 vintage here is showing well, without the missteps seen at some other estates. It was not

... my view, increasing the share of whole clusters in the vinification could have helped despite the rich vintage. However, a lack of space in the winery effectively stopped higher levels of whole clusters being used in 2018. Time will tell if Amélie goes further with whole clusters, but regardless, she still has my vote.

I could go on – as in previous articles – about the steady improvements at Domaine Berthaut-Gerbet, but you already know this so I will simply say it's always great to be back at this estate. The wines are truly pleasing to the Winehog, and more and more of them have the hedonistic thrill that makes tasting wines so much fun.