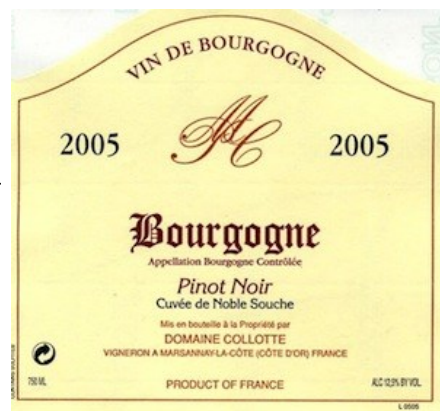


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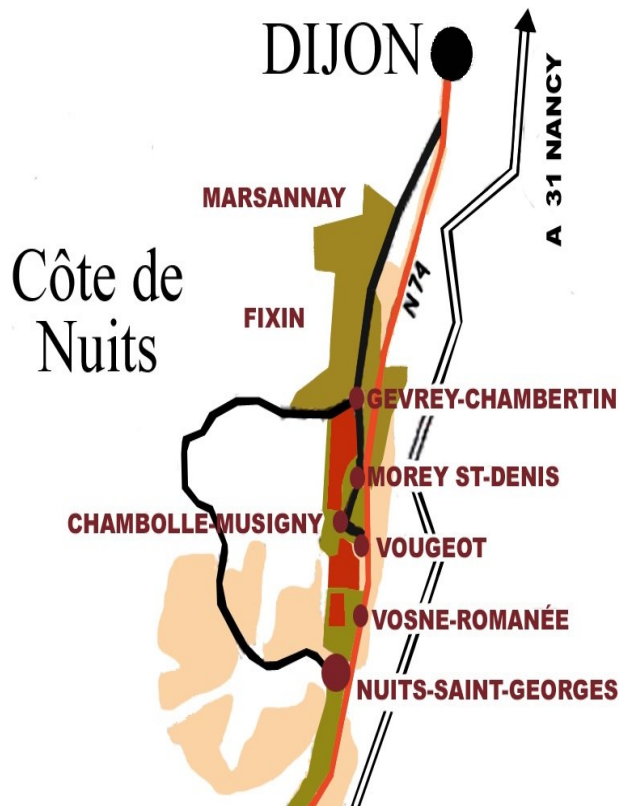


It was at the 2005 Grand Jours de Bourgogne that I was looking for excellent Burgundies at equally excellent value. Marsannay came to mind as a good candidate, but aside from a couple of well-known producers, I was disappointed in the quality of many. That is until I came upon Philippe Collotte. A tall, quiet man, looking a bit like Gary Cooper, but with a



lot of passion to make superb wines just waiting to be unleashed.

Producing lower yields, more selection before and at harvest, de-stemmed fruit, and for us he bottles everything unfiltered. His Bourgogne parcel was planted in 1947. The deep, rich wines produced by Philippe Collotte are some of the best kept secrets in our portfolio.—Peter Weygandt



The entrance of Domaine Collotte is shared with Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair in the village of Marsannay. Philippe Collette, who works with his daughter Isabelle, farms around 13-hectares of vine concentrated around the appellation, augmented by parcels of vine in Fixin and Chambolle-Musigny. Their holdings stem from 3-hectares owned by his father that have been expanded over the years, and whilst they do not own any premier or grand crus, they do have plenty of old vine material to work with. The vines are tended *lutte raisonnée* and Philippe stressed that he spends most of his time out amongst the vines. Everything is picked by hand, sorted on a *table de tri* and fully de-stemmed. After a 7-day cold maceration the wine is fermented with twice-daily *pigeage* and usually bottled the following spring.



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