

Exploring Burgundy: Morey-St-Denis

Moving down from Marsannay, Fixin, and Gevrey-Chambertin, we now encounter Morey-St-Denis, an appellation whose name comes from the town of Morey and the Grand Cru vineyard Clos St-Denis.

Morey-St-Denis sits just above Chambolle-Musigny, which we'll talk about next week, and, in a way, Morey suffers from having more famous neighbors to its north and south. That being said, it does possess five Grand Cru and twenty Premier Cru vineyards and produces both red and white wines that are often value priced.

At GWC we currently stock **Aurelien Verdet's Morey-St-Denis 2015 \$79.99**. Verdet is a talented young winemaker (he turns 40 this April), and he takes pride in raising organically farmed grapes and harvesting by hand.

In this wine we should look for oaky notes of spice and vanilla combined with cherry fruit, an almost Syrah-like meatiness, and lovely whiffs of flowers.