

HOW TO READ A BURGUNDY WINE LABEL

If Burgundy was easy then, well...it wouldn't be Burgundy. Here it's location, location, location. It was Burgundy that first gave primary value to the role of place (terroir), the subtle qualities imparted to wines when grown here or there. In Burgundy these ancient locations can be as big as villages or as specific as vineyards (or even certain rows of vines!) and all of which is strictly codified in the world's most difficult and wonderful system of labelling.

THE VILLAGE

This is the village (in this case Gevrey-Chambertin) or broader region that the wine was grown in. On Grand Cru wines this is the name of the individual vineyard as they are deemed fancy enough to be an appellation of their own!

THE VINEYARD

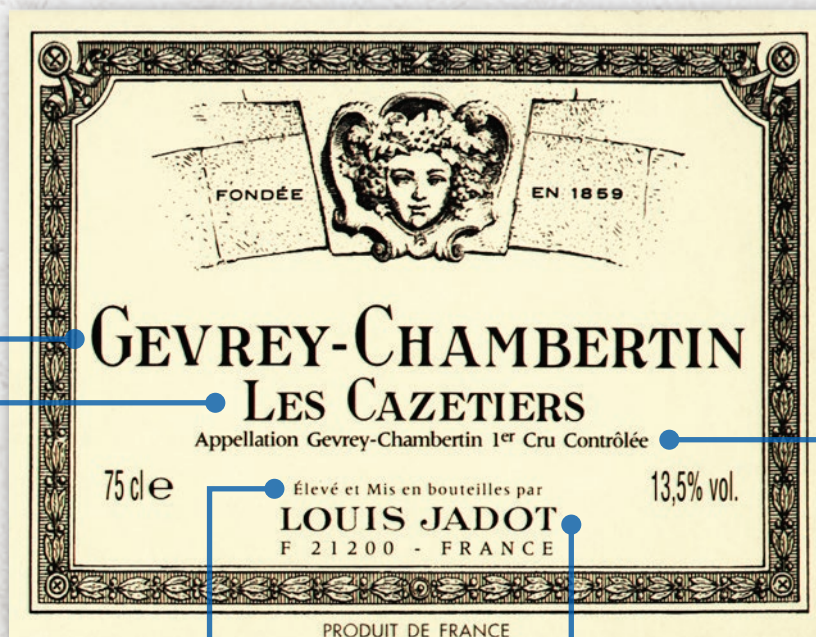
This wine is from the 'Les Cazetiers' vineyard which is a Premier Cru in the village of Gevrey-Chambertin. Often 'Premier Cru' or its abbreviation, '1er cru' will appear here too. Lower level wines will usually only show the broader village or region, not a specific vineyard.

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For this wine, Louis Jadot didn't necessarily harvest the grapes and make the wine but instead, acted as a negociant, buying the wine, aging and bottling it. This can also say 'Récolte' (harvested) and 'Vinifié' (vinified)



THE VINTAGE



THE APPELLATION

This is the official designation of where the wine comes from and its place in the hierarchy, this one spells out that the wine is from gevrey-chambertin and is from a Premier Cru (1er cru) vineyard.

THE PRODUCER

BURGUNDY'S APPELLATION SYSTEM

Burgundy's wines are classified based on the ranking of the vineyard they are grown in.

GRAND CRU

The very best vineyards, with prices to match. Pinot noir and chardonnay reach their pinnacle in these vineyards.
EG. LE CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU

PREMIER CRU

Individual vineyards that have been recognised for their quality. The best often approach the quality of grands crus so offer relative value.
EG. GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN
LES CAZETIERS PREMIER CRU

VILLAGES

The third tier, village wines may be a blend of several vineyards from the same village.
EG. GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

BOURGOGNE

Generic Bourgogne may be a blend of different villages, or may be de-classified wines from a producers higher tier vineyards
EG. BOURGOGNE

