



KERMIT LYNCH WINE MERCHANT

DOMAINE BIZOT

Country: **France**

Region: **Burgundy**

Appellation(s): **Bourgogne, Vosne-Romanée, Échézeaux Grand Cru**

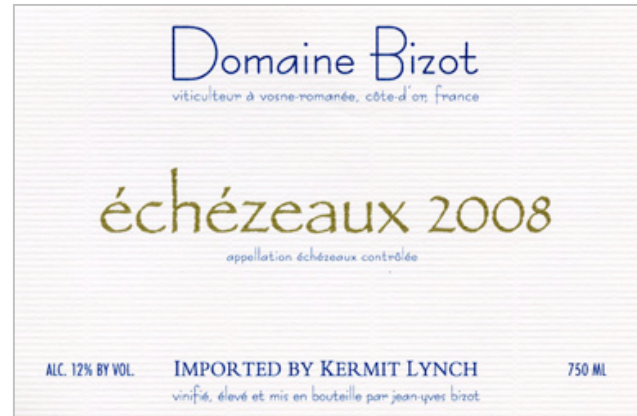
Producer: **Jean-Yves Bizot**

Founded: **1995**

Annual Production: **900 cases**

Farming: **Lutte Raisonnée**

Website: **N/A**



Jean-Yves Bizot is a rare find in Burgundy these days, and we are proud to represent him exclusively in the United States. His strict and uncompromising standards in the vineyards and his enviable old-vine parcels in Vosne-Romanée combine to give us a stellar lineup of miniscule production red Burgundies built for the long haul. Bizot is a professor of viticulture and oenology in Beaune who lives in Vosne across the street from Henri Mayer's old residence. The two *vignerons* had neighboring parcels in Vosne and used to discuss vinification from time to time while working their vines. Bizot decided to adapt some of Mayer's techniques in his own cellar (in particular whole cluster fermentation at cool temperatures in conical wooden vats) and is now making top-notch Vosne that still flies mostly under the radar. Nowadays, Bizot downplays the influence of Mayer in his winemaking and has forged his own distinct and rigorous philosophy in the vines and the cellar.

Bizot's wines need time to open up and reveal their character. Even the village A.O.C. Vosne-Romanée will use about five years of aging to great advantage. All of his Vosne-Romanées require the patience of a *premier cru*.

Bizot recently made some exciting purchases in the far north of the Côtes-de-Nuits, *terroirs* that he believes are under-appreciated by the current generation but were very well known and highly regarded centuries ago—both vineyards are just south of Dijon: Bourgogne “Le Chapitre” and Marsannay “Clos du Roy”, and both are old-vine parcels. His range is completed by his magnificent Bourgogne Blanc that comes from an old parcel of *sélection massale* Chardonnay right next to Clos de Vougeot. Bizot's wines, bottled by hand, barrel by barrel, without filtration, are serious Burgundies for the patient connoisseur, emphasizing purity, subtlety and elegance.



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<u>Wine</u>	<u>Blend</u>	<u>Vine Age</u>	<u>Soil Type</u>	<u>Vineyard Area*</u>
Bourgogne Blanc <i>Les Violettes</i>	Chardonnay	Planted in 1940 and 1965	Clay, Limestone, Marl, Sand	3.5 ha total
Bourgogne Haute Côtes de Nuits Blanc	Chardonnay	Planted in 2002	Limestone	
Bourgogne Rouge <i>Le Chapitre</i>	Pinot Noir	N/A	Clay, Limestone	
Marsannay Rouge <i>Clos du Roy</i>	Pinot Noir	30 years	Limestone, Sandstone, Gravel	
Vosne-Romanée	Pinot Noir	80 + years	Clay, Limestone, Marl	
Vosne-Romanée <i>Les Jachées</i>	Pinot Noir	80 + years	Clay, Limestone, Marl	
Vosne-Romanée <i>Les Réas</i>	Pinot Noir	80 + years	Clay, Limestone, Marl	
Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru	Pinot Noir	Planted in 1970	Clay, Limestone, Marl	
Échézeaux Grand Cru	Pinot Noir	Parcels Planted in 1924, 1945, 1967, 1980	Limestone, Marl	

* "ha"=hectares; one hectare equals roughly two and a half acres

VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

- All parcels are vinified separately to respect the diversity of each terroir
- After harvest, the grapes are sorted, but never de-stemmed or crushed and placed in wood *cuves*
- No sulfur is added at any time during vinification
- Fermentation lasts 14 to 20 days
- The wines are raised in oak barrels for 15 to 20 months, depending on the vintage
- The wines are not raked, fined, or filtered
- The wines are bottled by hand, barrel by barrel
- There is a reference to the barrel a wine came from on each bottle

Échézeaux:

- Bizot's holdings in the *grand cru* Échézeaux comes from two *lieux-dits*: *Les Treux* and *Les Orveaux*.
- The *Orveaux* is bottled as Échézeaux, and the *Treux* is bottled as *Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru*.



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Bourgogne Blanc *Les Violettes*:

- The vines for the Bourgogne *Blanc* come from the *lieu-dit Les Violettes*, which is in the appellation of Vosne-Romanée, along the wall that surrounds Clos Vougeot.

Bourgogne Rouge *Le Chapitre*:

- There are 3 *lieux-dits* in the Côte d'Or permitted on labels in conjunction with the Bourgogne appellation, Le Chapitre, En Montre Cul and La Chapelle Notre-Dame (which is in Ladoix-Serrigny). Le Chapitre produced the *tête de cuvée* of the commune in the 18th century and was the *vin ordinaire* (i.e., house wine) of Louis XV. The vineyard didn't have as good of a reputation when the official Burgundian classifications were done. Bizot thinks it is of *premier cru* quality and bought it instantly when it came up for sale. The wine is sublime.

Vosne-Romanée:

- Three cuvées are A.O.C. Vosne-Romanée. Prior to the 2010 vintage, the Vosne-Romanée and Vosne-Romanée “Vieilles Vignes” were bottled separately. As of 2011 the parcels are blended together.