

La Lumière Noire: 2019 Burgundy - Côte de Nuits

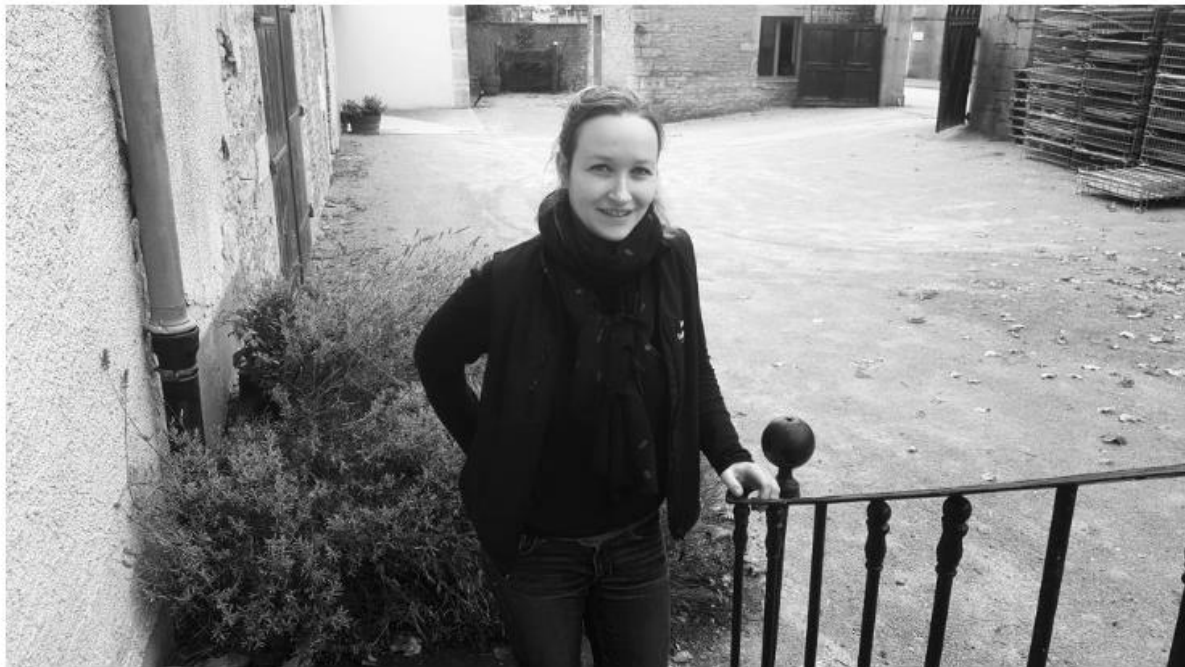
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"The Village Crus in Gevrey are impressive, maybe the best in the Côte d'Or. I was amazed by the quality of the Gevrey-Chambertin En Pallud from Domaine Maume for example. It lies just below Les Corbeaux on marl soils and on the same contours and exposure as the Grand Crus, their vines almost 70-years old. The Burgundy hierarchy is not set in stone and here is one example where a wine transcends its status."

"Do we need to bother with **Fixin**? It's the Ringo Starr of the Côte d'Or – less talented than the others."

"Hey, Ringo is a great drummer. Fixin has talent. It's just not realizing its full potential. It remains the case that one grower is blazing a trail and that is..."

"...Amélie Berthaut of Domaine Berthaut-Gerbet."



Amélie Berthaut, posing outside the tasting room sporting new-mum glow.

"Correct. Ably assisted by her husband, Nicolas Faure, whose own wines you will find in this report, they are really setting the pace. Through inheritance they have more prestigious vineyards at their disposal, but their most exciting cuvées are in Fixin. Hopefully next year I will investigate this appellation further because it needs two or three more growers to join the charge and put Fixin on the map. At the moment, the focus is more on its neighbour, Marsannay, despite it lacking any Premier Crus."