

# The Burgundy Briefing

news, views and tastings

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News

## **New world record for Burgundy at auction:**

At Christie's New York Finest and Rarest Sale on March 2nd 2006, a six-magnum case of 1985 Romanée-Conti fetched \$170,375, the equivalent of over \$14,200 a bottle. This set a new world record for a case of wine at auction

## **Lord Sainsbury's £300,000 deal:**

The English peer and science minister has bought a plot of land in Vosne Romanée. He has engaged Jeremy Seysses to make the wine.

## **David Duband business expands:**

David Duband, a rising star in Burgundy, has just taken a lease on the Jacky Truchot domaine at Morey-Saint-Denis, which encompasses 7 hectares of village and premier cru wines in Morey-Saint-Denis, Gevrey-Chambertin and Chambolle-Musigny as well as including the grands crus of Charmes-Chambertin and Clos de la Roche. He currently runs a 14 hectare domaine that lies mainly in the Hautes-Côtes de Nuits, but also includes some village and premier cru Nuits-Saints-Georges.

## **Sustainable viticulture in Burgundy:**

A set of guidelines has been agreed upon for sustainable viticulture in Burgundy. The 200 fact-sheets concentrates on preserving soil quality and general health of the vineyard. It is seen as the first step towards the goal of 100% commitment by wine-growers and wine-makers to environmentally responsible viticulture.

## **Bernard Hervet leaves Bouchard Pere & Fils:**

Bernard Hervet, who has been with Bouchard Pere & Fils since 1988, leaves the company . He was General Manager of the firm since 1995 and in 1998 took on the additional role of General Manager of William Fevre of Chablis when they joined Bouchard under the umbrella of Joseph Henriot. His responsibilities will be taken on by Stephane Follin-Arbelet.

## **Wine tasting certificate for the trade:**

The BIVB's Wine School is offering a 'Certificat d'analyse sensorielle' to professionals with the aim of training wine-tasters in basic diagnostic skills and a universal vocabulary of descriptive terms. The technical tastings will take place at three possible locations – Chablis, Beaune and the Mâcon, subject to the needs and convenience of the professionals concerned.