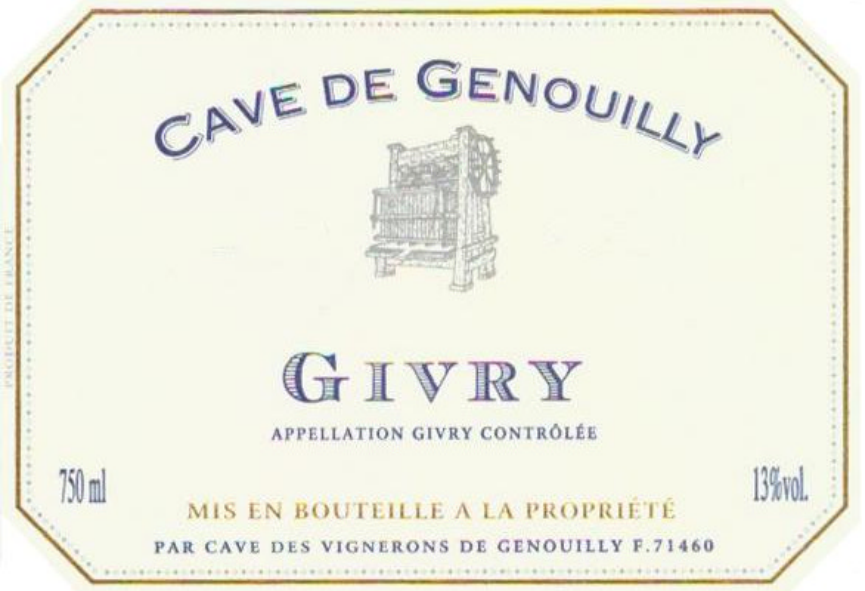


CAVE DE GENOUILLY

GIVRY

Region: Wines from Givry have enjoyed an excellent reputation since the Middle Ages, when they reputedly commanded higher prices than the wines of Beaune. Philippe le Hardi highly esteemed these wines when he offered them as a gift to his father-in-law, the Duke of Flanders, and Henri IV is said to have referred to Givry as the “Volnay du Chalonnais.” Today, unfortunately, the village is under



constant pressure to become a suburb of the expanding town of Chalons-sur-Saône. It is “another underrated appellation” according to Robert Parker who goes on to say, “Most of the best wines of Givry now see cask aging and show character not unlike a good red from the Côte de Beaune.” This 540 acre winegrowing region is 2 miles long and 4 miles wide and received AOC status in 1946. As a rule, the Argovian layer of marl and limestone favors Pinot Noir, however a relatively small amount of white wine is also produced.

Cave de Genouilly: This tiny co-op consists of 90 growers farming 280 acres of vines in the southern sector of the Côte Chalonnaise. It is currently operated and directed by Jean-Michel Martin.

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Tasting notes: The initial aromas are of pure red fruits with nuances of cherries with a fine flowery fragrance. The cherry flavors are fleshy and lively with nice structure and balance. The finish coats the mouth with soft tannins and a lingering cedar note.