

Caroline Parent

In wine, it is said that pedigree is everything. In that case, we could not imagine a new producer to emerge in Burgundy with a pedigree stronger than that of Caroline Parent. She's the daughter of two esteemed vigneronns – her mom is **Anne-Françoise Gros** of the famous Vosne-Romanée estate, and her dad is Pommard star **Francois Parent**. Caroline is now the 15th generation of the family in the business (and it's probably a good bet that one or both of her two children will represent the 16th generation in the vineyards!)



I first met Caroline and her family at the 2008 induction ceremony for the “Souverain Bailliage de Pommard”, a brotherhood of lovers of the wines of Pommard. (Several villages in Burgundy have a similar club.) We struck up a friendship after the ceremony in the cellars under Pommard City Hall that night, and when she told me a few years later that she was starting up her own venture, I asked to be first in line to taste what she was up to. Needless to say the wines knocked me out, and I'm thrilled to be the first to bring her wines into the US and onto your dinner table.

The wines are made at the family's facility in Beaune, which they renovated and moved into in 1998. Previously, the Gros and Parent production had been spread over three different cellars in Vosne-Romanée, Savigny-lès-Beaune, and Pommard – quite a logistical nightmare, as you could imagine. The new facility gives them ample room to do everything in one place, with a little room left over for Caroline's project as well. The wines are made by Caroline, her father, and her brother Matthias, and her fruit sources are impeccable. (You get three guesses, and the first two don't count!)