The heart of Burgundy, the Cte DOr, produces Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wines that are unrivaled in their quality, intensity, and ability to age in the bottle. On this golden slope in eastern France, with its unique terrains and climats, grow the vines for some of the worlds finest wines, among them such heralded names as Gevrey-Chambertin, Vosne-Romane, Puligny- and Chassagne-Montrachet, and Aloxe-Corton. Clive Coates, Master of Wine, has spent much of the last fifteen years in the Cte DOr, and this book is the splendid result of his assiduous exploring, tasting, and assessing of the regions wines. With his unique access to each clos and domaine, and to individual negociants and vignerons, Coates may know more about the Cte DOr and its wines than any other living writer. In Part One, he describes the Cte DOrs famous villages, introduces every manor grower and his wines, and evaluates each grand and premier cru, recommending the best sources in every climat. Part Two profiles the top sixty domaines, with notes on a vertical tasting of one of their wines. Part Three consists of vintage assessments on the best red and white years since 1945 and includes thousands of detailed tasting notes. Cte DOr is a work of love and passion, praise and criticism, understanding and scholarship. Above all, it is a celebration of one of the worlds great wine regions, the people who live there, and their fabled wines. It is an essential addition to every wine library and an inviting read for any wine lover.

My Personal Review:
Burgundy is one of the most difficult-to-grasp wine regions in the world. Many studies have been done on the soil, climate, wind direction, sun exposure, rainfall, etc., yet nobody really knows, yet, why one acre of Burgundy produces a certain kind of wine and the acre right next to it something different. Clive Coates book comes as close as humanly possible to explain it. He begins his sections with a "History" of the region,
then continues with "Location", "Vineyard", and then defines and describes the wines made from the Grand Crus and the Premier Crus, recommending sources and also providing the size of each vineyard. Also, he covers vintages.

It's amazing how Coates takes such a difficult region and maps it out so succinctly for us. Far better effort than Parker's "Burgundy".

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