

Jeros of Cros Parantoux

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Have you ever wondered how large-format bottles are labelled? They clearly don't go thundering down the bottling line like the regular 75cl- sized bottles.

When visiting Méo- Camuzet in Vosne- Romanée recently, I saw labels being lovingly applied by hand to some jero-boams of Cros Parantoux by Peter Reiss, who says he was lured to Burgundy in 2007 by seeing Henri Mayer on my BBC tv series [Jancis Robinson's Wine Course](#).

He emailed me recently and I asked him to tell us his wine story:

i am 29 years old and i come from wolfsburg in Germany which is known for Volkswagen and not wine really. My dad brought me to the wine, as he always had a glass with his friends and used to appreciate going out for dinner.

When i finished school in 2000, I wasn't sure whether to study or what, unlike others.

I decided to go to Australia on a work and travel programme. At the time I was quite into Aussie Shiraz. When I got to Perth, I met a woman in a pharmacy while I tried to find a taxi and she offered to drop me off at the place where I was staying and working on a scheme called wwoofing (willing workers on organic farms). When i arrived at the place she gave me her card and said she was a lawyer in Perth but had a little winery in the south and i was welcome to come by one day.

The domaine is Woodlands wines in Margaret River and this was also where I saw the report with you and Henri after I had my encounter with that bottle of Pinot that gave me a crush on burgundy. It was not a 1959, but a 1966 village wine from Savigny which was absolutley terrific.

I stayed at Woodlands from 2006 to 2007, did the two harvests and above all learned what wine really meant from some very passionate though sometimes crazy people. I had a great time over there and in 2007 I picked the grapes at Méo. I then came back there in May 2008 to do the whole season including the vinification. I then did a course here in Beaune to be returning to the domaine in June. At this point i will be staying there until Christmas, but will soon decide whether to stay on in Burgundy or not.

So there you have it. Evidence of the wine world as global village today.