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**Because life is short**

Chateau-Hotel André Ziltener  
Chambolle-Musigny

“We know our guests, and we know what they want,” says Doris Schwartz, Manager of the luxurious **Chateau-Hotel André Ziltener**. The chateau is located in the charming and uncongested village of Chambolle-Musigny, just off the famous *Route des Grands Crus* in the midst of Burgundy’s most prestigious wine vineyards. Its owners, the Ziltener family of Switzerland, turned the 18<sup>th</sup> century property into a hotel “so they could help others fall in love with the area just as they did,” says Ms. Schwartz.



*Happy peaceful rooms*

The lovely suite occupied by visiting **Cognoscenti Magazine** editors during a recent visit was aptly called “Charmes.” Decorated in subtle shades of yellow and pale blue and furnished in Louis XVI style, the suite was brightened by windows on three sides and a private back door. Whichever window we gazed out of, the view was lovely—grass, ivy, tall pine trees, and neighboring roofs. The only sounds that reached our ears were the melodious chirping of birds and the chiming of Chambolle-Musigny’s village church bell.

A large old fireplace and elegant wood-paneled walls give the room a happy, peaceful feeling. There’s also mini-bar, a good-sized mini-safe, and a comfortable work desk in the room. This hotel’s intimate size (it still feels like the private home it once was) ensures a high level of personal attention.

Chateau Ziltener is a most civilized place to retreat to after a busy day of tasting wine in nearby towns with famous names like Vosne-Romanée, Morey St-Denis, Nuits-St-Georges, and Chambolle-Musigny itself (one of our favorite producers, Domaine Comte de Vogüé, is just around the corner). Chateau André Ziltener also bottles its own line of Burgundies—including *grands crus*. In the hotel’s attractive wine cellar, we tasted some of its approachable, early drinking pinot noirs, including a softly rounded 1999 Corton Les Renardes and a 1999 Echézeaux that showed fine tones of rose-petal and violet. Tastings are offered on a complimentary basis to hotel guests,

and the staff will even ship wines home for American visitors—a nice convenience!

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