

LANGDON SHIVERICK IMPORTS and DAVID SHIVERICK

"Great wine is like a great person, you may not like the wine or the person, but you can recognize their greatness."

-David Shiverick

Langdon Shiverick Imports was established in 1986 by David Shiverick and Louis Langdon, who thoughtfully developed a portfolio of wine which continues to be in vogue over 20 years later. In 1990, Shiverick bought out Langdon's share, and has continued to create an enhanced portfolio highlighting historically select wines with distinct personality.

David Shiverick is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. Having grown up in a home that was given to epicurean tendencies, involving a love of wine and its relationship to good food, David developed an early intrigue in the many varieties of wine and the process by which it is made.

His interest in the earth, and how it gives character to the wine that grows in it, led him to study geology in college. Utilizing this knowledge, he travelled through Europe during the late 70's, exploring and connecting the dots with what would become a lifelong love affair with the vine and how it reflects its home. David's two loves, history and geology, had transformed into one with the discovery of the great vineyards of Europe.

Energized, he rushed back to the States to begin his wine career in New York City, working in retail for Sherry Lehman and Peter Morell. In 1980, Shiverick worked at Christie's as part of a team to establish their Wine Auction business. By the mid-80's, David's friend, Louis Langdon, was nearing retirement. Langdon had begun importing wines back in the 1950's, long before the modern era of importers. David, ready for the next adventure, partnered with Langdon and began to focus on natural, small production vineyards.

Following his purchase of Langdon's share of **Langdon Shiverick Imports**, David's book has grown. What has not changed is his interest in the combination of history and geology in Enology/Viniculture with an emphasis on non-interventionist style. Three of the premier estates in the Langdon Shiverick portfolio: JL Chave, Max Ferd Richter and Domaine de la Solitude, have nearly 1500 years combined viticulture and wine production. This history and generational devotion to the sites reflects David's advocacy to natural methods of production, so that the new producers he discovers today can endeavor to be around in 500 years, and beyond.



David's philosophy on choosing wines: Good wine should tell of its origin – there must be an expression of terroir. Great wine should tell of its origin at twenty years. Wine must not be adulterated with characteristics that cloud the true nature of the place where the wine originated (i.e.; over- extraction or too much oak.)

In 2007, David purchased a vineyard in Maury – situated at the base of the Pyrenees Mountains in the South of France. Perfectly in keeping with his history/geology mandate, the vineyard's distinguishing characteristics include a finite outcropping of Schist (metamorphosed granite) and 100+ year old vines.

"David Shiverick maintains a remarkably low profile in view of the high caliber of his portfolio. The estates are not always household names and that's the reason why wine insiders are his biggest fans."

-Robert Parker



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