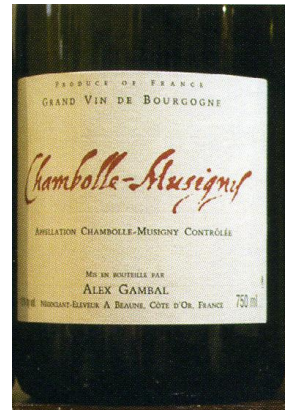
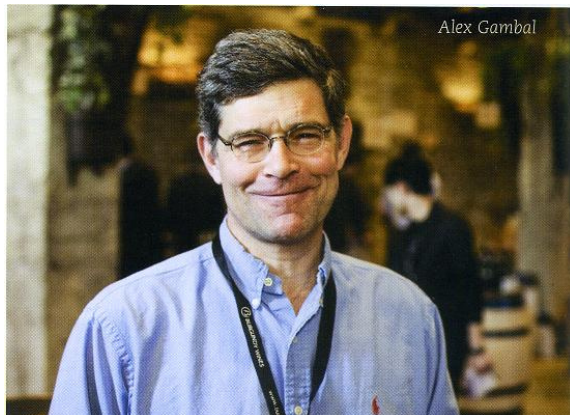




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I stumble outside into the morning light of this perfect spring day and there in the courtyard is my old friend Alex Gambal. I first met Alex in 1997 at the first Nantucket Wine Festival. He had just begun Maison Alex Gambal, which today produces 60,000 bottles. He knows I am here for the celebration of “Les Grand Jours” the “Great Days,” a wine festival dedicated to wine importers and restaurateurs like myself and we plan to meet later that day at one of the many tastings. I am excited to see what I will discover and bring back to my brother Geoffrey, my partner in business, and to the friends of our restaurant at Galley Beach. But first things first: coffee and croissant.