

L'ÉLÉGANCE NATURELLE
DES GRANDS BOURGOGNES

BEAUNE GRÈVES 2020

PREMIER CRU - 100% PINOT NOIR

The site is a famous vineyard, recognized as one of the best Premier Crus of Beaune, Grèves is at mid-slope, at the northern end of the appellation. Joseph Drouhin owns a large parcel on a steep slope dominating the city of Beaune.



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History & Tradition:

The name is derived from “gravier”, small pebbles or gravel found on the soil of the vineyard. The Romans had already recognized the potential of the hillside overlooking Beaune and planted vines there. Drouhin estate: 0,81 ha. (2 acres). Average vin age: 24 years.

Viticulture:

- Biological cultivation since 1990; biodynamic cultivation a few years later.
- Treatment: only authorized products for biological cultivation are used. Natural predators are not eliminated.

Vinification:

- Harvesting: by hand, in small open crates in order to preserve the integrity of the fruit.
- Pressing: separation of free run juice from pressed juice. Ageing Type: in barrels (20% in new oak).
- Length: 14 to 18 months. Origin of the wood: French oak forests (Tronçay in particular).
- Fining ("collage", to clarify the wine): light, after careful tasting.

Tasting note by Véronique Boss-Drouhin - "A great wine, one of the most representative of Beaune, the capital of Burgundy. Intense and bright red colour. The nose displays aromas of red currant with some spicy notes. With age and in some vintages, the aromas become even more marked by spicy and smoky touches, such as tobacco. On the palate, the tannins are refined and create a seductive harmony. In the aftertaste there is a marked flavour of "crème de cassis" (cream of black currant) and delicate touches of wood".

Serving Temp: 61-62°F. **Cellaring:** 8 to 20 years.

2020 Vintage: This vintage was marked by a concentration of juice in the berries just before the harvest. The wines show a very nice intense ruby colour. The nose is complex and very expressive of red fruits and black fruits but above all the expressions of the terroirs are already noticeable.

JAMES SUCKLING - 95 POINTS

A very classic example of this appellation with bright cassis and just a touch of blackberry. Very focused and quite sleek, with tightly wound, fine tannins wrapped in bright fruit. Then comes the very concentrated and long finish that makes you feel you directly experience the rocky soil of this site. Estate grown. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

Also: John Gilman-93 Pts, Vinous-92 Pts, Burghound-90-93 Pts, Wine Advocate-90-92 Pts

