

BEAUNE GRÈVES 2021

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.



History & Tradition:

The name is derived from "graviers", 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.

2021 Vintage: The red wines are delicate. They offer a nice ruby red colour and aromas of fresh and ripe red fruit. This lovely fruity expression is also present on the palate, with notes of cherry or raspberry. The textures are delicate and the tannins very silky.

