

CLOS DE VOUGEOT 2021

GRAND CRU- 100% PINOT NOIR

Clos Vougeot is a large vineyard (125 acres) located between Vosne-Romanée and Chambolle-Musigny.

Joseph Drouhin owns two parcels in this mythical vineyard, both on a mild incline with a due east exposure.

History & Tradition: The most glorious and famous of all Burgundy vineyards. The Clos (French for "enclosure") was first planted and surrounded by a wall at the end of the 12th Century by the monks of Cîteaux. They built a castle which is now the seat of the Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin. Soil: very diverse and a true mosaic, a mix of clay and limestone in various proportions.

Drouhin estate: 0,90 ha. (2.25 acres). **Average of the vines:** 31 years.

Viticulture: Biological cultivation since 1990; biodynamic cultivation a few years later. Soil maintenance: compost of manure and white wood, sometimes guano (seabird manure used as fertilizer). Soil is ploughed either by tractor or by horse to manage spreading of weeds. Treatment: only authorized products for biological cultivation are used: infusions and macerations of plant materials, sulfur and copper, powdered rock. Natural predators are not eliminated. Plantation density: from 10,000 to 12,500 stocks/ha in order to extract all possible nuances from the terroir and limit the production of each vine stock. Pruning: Guyot. Yield: we aim to keep our yields low, more in line with the previous regulation: around 20% less than allowed by the current law.

Vinification:

- Harvesting: by hand, in small open crates in order to preserve the integrity of the fruit.
- Sorting of the grapes: in the vineyard and at the cuverie (winery) if necessary.
- Maceration: maceration and vinification take 2 to 3 weeks indigenous yeasts.
- Maceration and fermentation temperatures under total control.
- 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.

Tasting note by Véronique Boss-Drouhin - "A revelation and a true wonder! The ruby red colour is magnificent and takes on a deeper hue with age. The aromas are intense and evoke raspberry and wild cherry, becoming more complex with age: undergrowth, truffle, candied fruit. A sublime structure, with refined tannins. It is a perfect example of this ideal of elegance according to Drouhin. A remarkable balance and a lingering persistence of flavors on the palate. It is a wine that always leaves the greatest impression".

Serving Temp:

61-62°F.

Cellaring:

10 to 40 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.

