

# 2021

## CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE

### GRAND CRU- 100% CHARDONNAY

*The vineyard site occupies a dominant position on the hill behind the village of Aloxe-Corton. The estate of Drouhin faces due east.*




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#### History & tradition:

Corton-Charlemagne is the only vineyard in Burgundy bearing the name of two emperors: "Corton" comes from the Gallo-Roman Curtis d'Othon, meaning the Domaine of Othon, a German emperor. It gave the word Courthorn, which became Corton. Famous emperor Charlemagne was, according to legend, the owner of the vineyard. Soil: brown limestone with small stones. Domaine area: 0.33 ha. (.825 acre). Average age of the vines: 28 years.

#### Viticulture:

Biological cultivation since 1990; biodynamic cultivation a few years later. Vine stocks: sélection massale (propagation of new vine stocks from a number of selected vines) done at the Drouhin nursery; also clones of recognized quality. Soil maintenance: compost of manure and white wood, sometimes guano (seabird manure). 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.

#### Vinification:

- Harvesting: by hand, in small open crates in order to preserve the integrity of the fruit.
- Sorting: if necessary, the grapes are sorted twice : once when being picked, the second time on the sorting table at the winery.
- Pressing: very slow so as to respect fruit. Juices from the very last pressings are not retained.
- The wine goes directly into barrels after "débourage" (decanting to reduce sediment).
- Ageing Type: in barrels (25% in new oak). Length: 12 to 15 months.
- Origin of the wood: French oak forests (Tronçay in particular).

#### Tasting note by Véronique Boss-Drouhin

"One of the greatest wines of Burgundy, to be tasted with awe and reverence. It has an intense golden hue. On the nose, there are some subtle tones of rose, fresh almond, citrus, honey, exotic wood and spice. Majestic and well balanced on the palate. Generous and lively at the same time. Intense and complex aftertaste. All the aromas mingle and linger for quite a long time afterwards. A wine of undeniable majesty".

#### 2021 Vintage:

2021 required great technical skill as vinification had to be very precise. The whites show wonderful freshness. Carefully sculpted, the wines offer citrus notes of lemon and grapefruit. They reveal some fine balance

