



Joseph Drouhin

L'ÉLÉGANCE NATURELLE
DES GRANDS BOURGOGNES

ECHÉZEAUX 2020

GRAND CRU- 100% PINOT NOIR

The vineyard site is surrounded by
Clos Vougeot and Musigny,
this a vineyard of great repute.



History & Tradition:

The name comes from “chezal” (plural “chezeaux”): a hamlet. The pronunciation, “Echezeaux” (Ay-sheu-zo), is unchanged to this day, in spite of the accent placed on the name in the 20th Century (“Echézeaux”).

Soil: clay and limestone. On a moderate incline, facing due east.

Drouhin estate: 0,41 ha. (1 acre) **Average age of the vines:** 40 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.

Vinification:

- Harvesting: by hand, in small open crates in order to preserve the integrity of the fruit.
- 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.
- Fining (“collage”, to clarify the wine): light, after careful tasting.

Tasting note by Véronique Boss-Drouhin - “Elegance and perfection, two of Joseph Drouhin’s tenets. The colour is bright and intense. A full palette of aromas reminiscent of stone fruit (cherry, peach, apricot), cocoa, exotic wood (cedar). On the palate, the texture is like silk and velvet. In the aftertaste, the same touch of dark chocolate is in evidence. Extremely long aftertaste”.

Serving Temp: 61-62°F. **Cellaring:** 5 to 25 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.



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