



Joseph Drouhin

L'ÉLÉGANCE NATURELLE  
DES GRANDS BOURGOGNES

# ECHÉZEAUX 2021

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.

**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.



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