

GRANDS ECHEZEAUX 2020

GRAND CRU- 100% PINOT NOIR

*The vineyard site is located above Clos Vougeot,
with only a wall separating these two famous vineyards.*



History & Tradition:

- The name comes from “cheza” (plural “chezeaux”): a hamlet.
- The monks of Cîteaux, who already owned Clos Vougeot, coveted the Musigny vineyard but were never able to acquire it.
- They put all their hopes instead on Grands-Echezeaux so as to become the rival of the prestigious Musigny.
- Soil: on a moderate incline, facing due east. The soil is chalk from the Bajocian layer, ideally suited for Pinot Noir.

Drouhin estate: 1.175 acre. **Average age of the vines:** 22 years.

Viticulture:

- Biological cultivation since 1990; biodynamic cultivation a few years later.
- 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% new). 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 - “In its youth, the wine displays aromas of great finesse, reminiscent of cherry and dark chocolate or cocoa bean, which is a delicate and sought after characteristic of this wine. As the wine matures, these aromas evolve towards other refined nuances evoking undergrowth, truffle, fine leather and sometimes light notes of cigar or cedar wood. The result is of great elegance and breed. The tannins are refined and the silk and velvet of the body are a perfect match. Very long aftertaste in which some of the aromas previously encountered are again in evidence and create the most elegant sensation”.

Serving Temp: 61-62°F. **Cellaring:** 3 to 12 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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