



Joseph Drouhin

L'ÉLÉGANCE NATURELLE
DES GRANDS BOURGOGNES



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GRANDS ECHEZEAUX 2021

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.

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.

