



Joseph Drouhin

L'ÉLÉGANCE NATURELLE
DES GRANDS BOURGOGNES



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MUSIGNY 2021

GRAND CRU - 100% PINOT NOIR

Musigny is located on a chalky terrace overlooking Clos Vougeot; it is between two small valleys, the "combe" of Chambolle and the "combe" of Orveaux.

History & Tradition:

- It is really in the early Middle Ages, with the help of the monks, that Musigny rose to the rank it now occupies.
- Soil: on a mild incline, with a due east exposure.
- The brown soil is chalky, strewn with some pebbles and not too clayey.
- **Drouhin estate:** 0,67 ha. (1.675 acre). **Average age of the vines:** 33 years.

Viticulture: Biological cultivation since 1990; biodynamic cultivation a few years later. Vine stocks: sélection mas-sale (propagation of new vine stocks from a number of selected vines) done at the Drouhin nursery; also clones of recognized quality. Soil is ploughed either by tractor or by horse to manage spreading of weeds.

Vinification:

- Harvesting: by hand, in small open crates in order to preserve the integrity of the fruit.
- Sorting of the grapes: in the vineyard and at the "cuverie" (winery) if necessary.
- Maceration: maceration and vinification take 2 to 3 weeks indigenous yeasts.
- Maceration and fermentation temperatures under total control.
- "Pigeage" (punching down of the cap during fermentation): once a day until half of fermentation is done; one pumping over ("remontage") per day till the end of the fermentation.
- Pressing: separation of free run juice from pressed juice.

Ageing Type: in barrels (20% in new oak) **Length:** 14 to 18 months. **Origins:** French oak forests.

Tasting note by Véronique Boss-Drouhin - "A great Burgundy, worthy of its reputation. An intense, bright, red colour; a powerful nose, with notes of black cherry and spice, evolving towards aromas of young leather. On the palate, the tannins give a certain impression of firmness, somewhat softened by a nice, harmonious texture. Persistent flavors in the aftertaste".

Serving Temp: 61-62°F. **Cellaring:** 8 to 40 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.

