Joseph Drouhin

L'ÉLÉGANCE NATURELLE
DES GRANDS BOURGOGNES

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES
LES PROCÈS 2020
PREMIER CRU - 100% PINOT NOIR

The town of Nuits has its own Hospices, world-renowned vineyards and, of course, ancient traditions. Maison Joseph Drouhin owns nearly half of the Premier Cru Les Procès, next to Pruliers, another famous vineyard.

History & Tradition:

- The name Nuits may come from "noyer" (walnut tree), a not very frequent tree in this region.
- Soil: excellent due east exposure, on a mild incline.
- The soil is not too rocky, but deep and with good drainage.
- **Drouhin estate**: 0,37 ha. (.925 acre). **Average age**: 59 years.

Viticulture:

- Biological cultivation since 1990; biodynamic cultivation a few years later.
- Vine stocks: "sélection massale" (propagation of new vine stocks from a number of selected vines) done at the Drouhin nursery; also clones of recognized quality.
- Soil maintenance: compost of manure and white wood, sometimes guano (seabird manure used as fertilizer).
- Treatment: only authorized products for biological cultivation are used: infusions and macerations of plant materials, sulfur and copper, powdered rock.
- Natural predators are not eliminated.

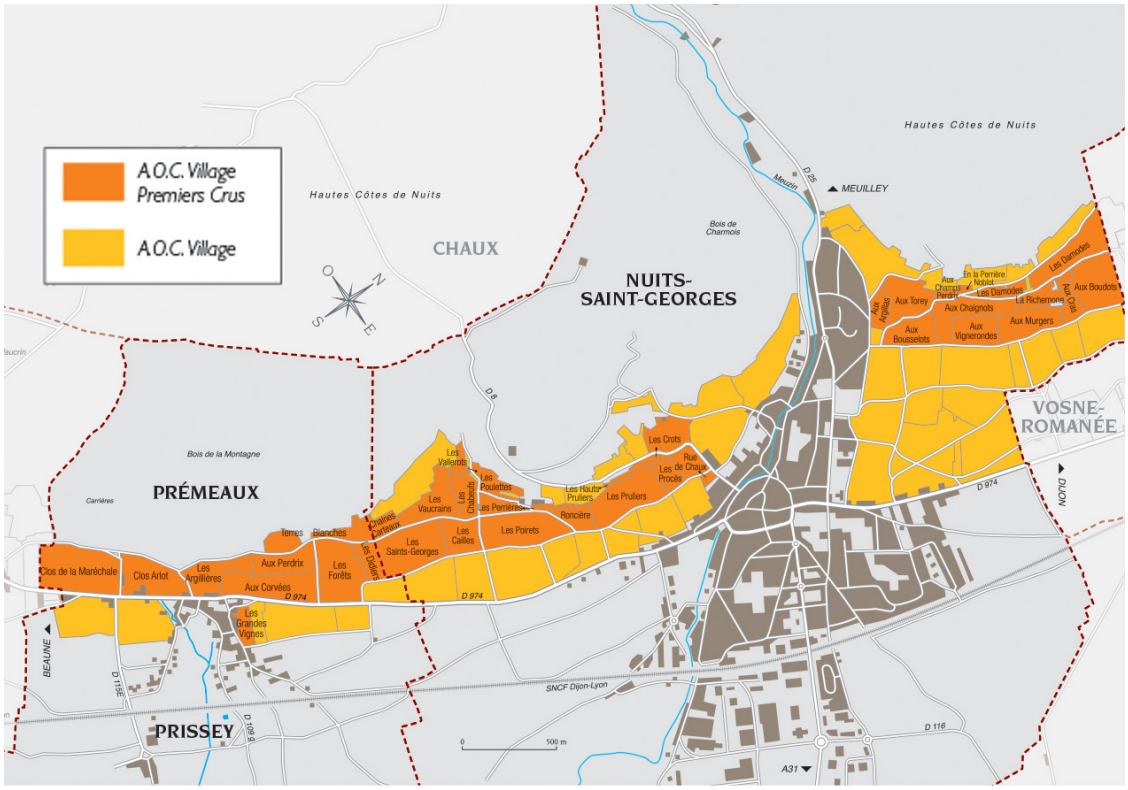
Vinification:

- 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.
- Ageing Type: in barrels (20% in new oak). Length: 14 to 18 months.
- Origin of the wood: French oak forests (Tronçay in particular).

Tasting note by Véronique Boss-Drouhin - "Deep garnet colour, bright like a gemstone. The aromas are as intense, but elegant. They are reminiscent of cherry jelly with hints of wood and balsam, or cedar. With age, the aromas take on gamey touches. On the palate, the wine displays flesh as well as structure and a velvety texture. Very flavorful aftertaste, evoking fruit syrups and spice infusions".

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