

2023 BEAUNE CRAS

PREMIER CRU - 100% PINOT NOIR

The site Beaune Premier Cru « Aux Cras » is located northwest of Beaune, on the top of the hill, facing east/south-east. the name « Cras » comes from the medieval term « crai », describing a stony and limestone soil.

Producing communes:

- Beaune.

Supply:

- This wine comes from grapes and musts purchased from supply partners according to rigorous specifications.
- Grapes harvested by hands in open-work crates. If necessary, a careful sorting is proceeded.

Vinification:

- Total destemming.
- In accordance with the terroir and the profile of the vintage, we do 2 to 3 weeks of fermentation and maceration in small open vats, marked by punching of the cap and pumping-over.
- The yeasts are indigenous (natural).
- Pressing in a vertical press.
- Separation of the ends of the presses based on tasting.

Ageing:

- In oak barrels including 25% new oak barrels for 14-16 months.

2023 Vintage:

2023 stands out as one of the hottest years in Burgundy, surpassing even 2022. This vintage is marked by its generosity, both in quantity and quality, with consistent yields across all regions in Burgundy. The wines offer flavours of ripe red and black berries. The climate's generosity is evident in these Pinots Noirs. They show excellent ripeness with smooth, long, and complex palates. 2023 is a vintage of high quality.

Tasting note by Véronique Boss-Drouhin:

Beautiful ruby red colour. The nose displays aromas of blackcurrant and blackberry combined with some notes of vanilla. With age and in some vintages, touches of leather will mingle with truffle and spices. On the palate, the tannins are refined and create a seductive harmony. The aftertaste reveals delicate touches of wood.

Optimal consumption: 8 to 15 years, **Ageing potential:** 20 years, **Tasting temperature:** 61-62°F



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DECANTER 92 POINTS

Drouhin's négociant bottling of Beaune Cras is a contrast to its flagship Clos des Mouches. The fruit is a bit leaner here, more currant aromas touched with black tea and Havana cigar leaf than the slightly plumper Clos des Mouches. The texture is stricter, with more tannin and tension, and less of a supple, velvety character. Although not as forward, the edges will soften with time, which should provide a wine of impressive length and elegance.

