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L'ÉLÉGANCE NATURELLE
DES GRANDS BOURGOGNES

2024 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.

2024 Vintage: 2024 is less generous than 2023, but it is a vintage of great quality. 2024 was a very rainy year. The climate fluctuations had a strong impact on the harvest. Careful sorting combined with the winemaker's know-how have made it possible to obtain tasty wines, both in white and red. Flavoured and generous, fresh and of pure, they can be enjoyed in their youth, even if some can age for a few years in the cellar to reveal their full expression.

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.

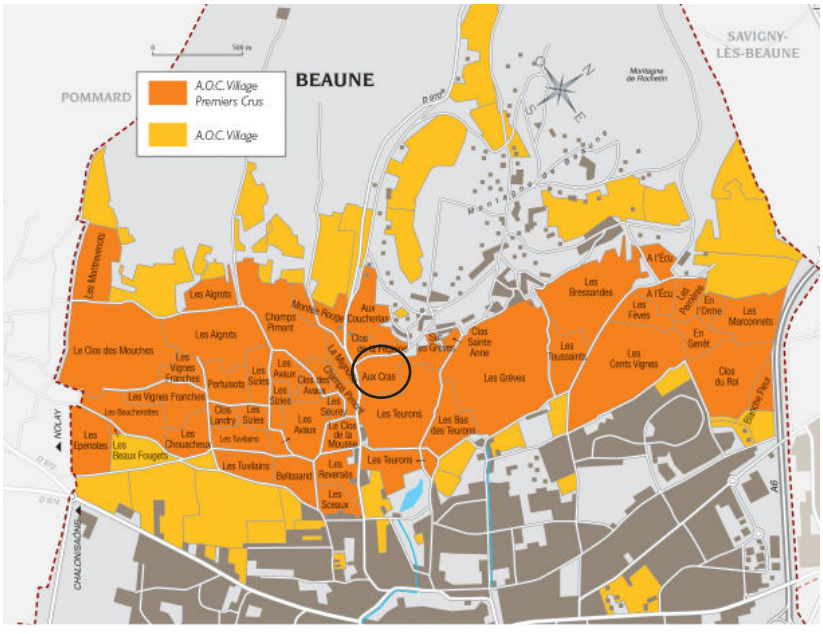
Optimal consumption: 8 to 15 years,
Ageing potential: 20 years,
Tasting temperature: 61-62°F

TIM ATKIN-MW

93 POINTS

Roasted plums, blueberries and evergreen give the nose lifting freshness. The mid-depth palate is steeped in red fruits aligned by mildly tugging tannins and a nippy bite of racy acidity. This is a fairly flat vineyard, but it is packed with limestone character.

Wine Advocate-90 Pts.
James Suckling-92-93 Pts
Vinous-90-92 Pts
Burghound-89-92 Pts



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