



Joseph Drouhin

Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Saint-Georges 2017 Premier Cru

Grape Variety :
Pinot Noir

Vineyard

Site: at the heart of the Côte de Nuits, the town of Nuits has its own Hospices, world-renowned vineyards and, of course, ancient traditions.

The Premier Cru Les Saint-Georges is located in the south part of the Nuits-Saint-Georges vineyard with an east/south-east exposure.

History & tradition: the name "Nuits" may come from "noyer" (walnut tree), a not very frequent tree in this region. As a matter of fact, the hillsides in Burgundy were covered with oak trees at the time the Romans arrived.

Soil: on clay mixed with limestone pebbles, producing powerful and long lasting wines.

Viticulture

Plantation density: 10.000 vinestocks/ha in order to extract as much as possible from the terroir and limit the production of each vine stock.

Pruning: Guyot.

Yield: 40 hl/ha - purposely low, in order for the grapes to reveal every nuance of the terroir.

Grape Supply: grapes and wines provided by regular supply partners.

Vinification

Maceration:

- maceration and vinification take 2 to 3 weeks
- indigenous yeasts
- maceration and fermentation temperatures under total control.

Joseph Drouhin seeks total control of the process of extraction; extraction gives colour and substance but should never be detrimental to the finesse and typical character of the wine.

Ageing

Type: in barrels (20% in new oak)

Length: 14 to 18 months

Origin of the wood: French oak forests

Weathering of the wood: Joseph Drouhin insists on total control of the weathering for a period of 3 years, one of the contributing elements to the elegance of the wine

Throughout the ageing process, decisions are taken only after careful tasting evaluation, barrel by barrel. The data obtained is then completed through technical analysis. As with every other Joseph Drouhin wine, absolute priority is given to the true expression of terroir and character of the vintage.

Tasting note by Véronique Boss-Drouhin

"Our Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru Les Saint-Georges" displays a very nice deep ruby-red hue. Its nose is powerful and exudes notes of black fruits (blueberry, blackberry) mingled with spices. The attack is clean-cut and gives way to a well-balanced structure over supple tannins.

The wine is both powerful and elegant".

Vintage

As every year we sorted the grapes at once to select the most beautiful bunches that were to be kept in whole clusters and to remove berries that could present a lack of maturity. The sanitary state was very satisfactory with almost no rot.

Very quickly at the beginning of the fermentations the colours were released and gradually the varietal character of Pinot Noir was expressed. We favoured this aromatic expression to look for balanced wines without too much power. The tannins are nicely melted, the acidity levels from normal to low. The fermentations and macerations lasted about 3 weeks. In the course of the winter, the malolactic fermentations were triggered and proceeded sometimes rather quickly.





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Serving

Temperature: 16°C (61-62°F).

Cellaring: 5 to 25 years.

LA MAISON JOSEPH DROUHIN

In 1880, Joseph Drouhin, who was from the Chablis region originally, chose the city of Beaune to found the business that bears his name. Over the years and with each generation, the vineyard estate grew. At the same time, the founder's passionate search for excellence and knowledge was handed down like a family heirloom; Maison Joseph Drouhin continues to ensure this valuable family heritage.

Dedication to the diversity of Burgundy has always been the sole focus and vocation of Maison Joseph Drouhin, as vineyards - mostly premier and grand crus - were acquired in all major areas.

Out of firm conviction, Drouhin has adopted a biological and biodynamic approach to viticulture. Listening to nature: from vine to glass, at every step in the elaboration of the wine, a profound respect and deference to nature prevails.

From its very beginning, Maison Joseph Drouhin has aimed for an ideal of perfection and elegance. The style of Joseph Drouhin combines balance, harmony and character, providing infinite pleasure.

Thanks to its open-minded world view, Joseph Drouhin introduces the best of Burgundy to all continents. Its active presence in many countries is the surest proof of its desire to get acquainted and understand other cultures and styles of living.