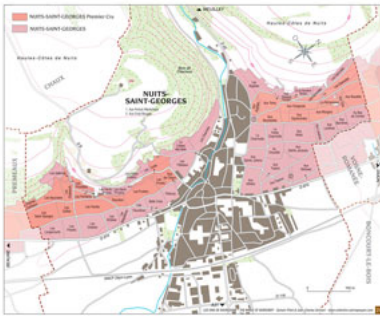




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NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES "BELLE CROIX" 2016



Varietal

100% Pinot Noir

Origins

Of course, Nuits-Saint-Georges is one of those magical names that visitors weave like a rosary. Known around the world Nuits presents the original profile of a true wine village the size of a small town.

Halfway between Dijon and Beaune, and looking east, the vineyard of Nuits-Saint-Georges extends over 6 km for 160 ha in the village appellation. The difference of soils, orientations, and situations causes a great diversity of soils. All cut in two by the valley of Meuzin and the village. The "Belle Croix" plot is located below the "Les Pruliers" Premier Cru, to the south of the village and offers a calcareous brown soil resting on a thick layer of silt. The name of this climate refers to the cross overlooking the parcel, a memory of a 16th century chapel, dismantled during the French Revolution. This parcel is part since the 2016 vintage of our vines in direct supply.

Vinification and maturing

Harvest date: October the 3rd 2016. The grapes were handpicked and collected in 20-kg perforated crates. They were sorted a first time in the vineyard and a second time on the sorting table when they arrived at the winery.

At the winery: The grapes were completely destemmed but not crushed (they were left whole) and were gravity-fed into tanks. Maceration lasted a total of 25 days including one week of cold maceration (12°C). Fermentation used indigenous yeasts only (no additives such as enzymes or tannins were used). Infrequent punching of the cap.

In the cellar: Aged for 18 months on lees without racking, 100% new oak, French oak, long heat at low temperature for a very delicate wood.

Bottling: by using gravity, in April 2018.

Production: 900 bottles.

Tasting notes

Visual: Ruby colored rock with violet hues.

Nose: Intense aromas of black fruits, nutmeg and empyreumatic notes.

Palate: Toasted flavors, we also find black fruits in the mouth. A very concentrated and robust wine.

Ageing potential

7 to 10 years.

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Vintage : 2016

2016 – a miraculous vintage !

Given a difficult start, the wines of Burgundy have an unexpected high quality - as much as we could have hoped.

After one of the mildest Winters since 1900, the growers suffered vineyard damage in Springtime which severely reduced the size of the potential harvest. In fact in the month of April we experienced devastating frosts over an exceptionally wide area. Hailstorms caused further damage during May in the Maconnais and North Burgundy.

The weather changed completely with the arrival of Summer: with sunshine and warmth which allowed the vines to catch up with their growth. There was adequate rainfall which helped the growth continue in good conditions with the harvest taking place just at the right time.

Vintage 2016 thus offers some fine surprises with wines of potentially high quality. The white wines have fine fruit aromas, are generous with good body and will be ready to drink while young whereas the red wines are powerful, tender, concentrated and will be ideal for ageing.