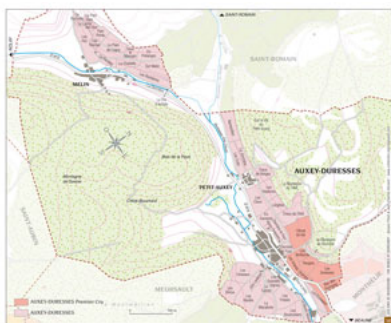




JEAN-CLAUDE BOISSET

AUXEY-DURESSES PREMIER CRU "Climat Du Val" 2016



Varietal

100% Pinot Noir

Origins

The appellation is located at the lower limit of a valley, which goes from the Côte de Beaune to the Hautes-Côtes on the road to La Rochepot and Autun. Nature clearly separates the whites and the reds. The valley climate, neighbor of the famous 1er Cru "Les DuresSES", enjoys a South exposure. As its name indicates, the landscape is very hilly. The soil is very calcareous. The vines are on average 30 years old.

Vinification and maturing

Harvest date: 28th of September 2016. The grapes were handpicked and collected in 20-kg perforated crates. They were sorted a first time in the vineyard and again 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 24 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 (8 maximum).

In the cellar: Aged on the lees for 18 months with no racking using a proportion of 35% new French oak barrels that had been toasted at low temperatures for a long time to impart a very delicate touch of oak to the wine.

Bottling: The wine was not fined but was very gently filtered before being bottled using gravity in March 2018.

Production: 2.080 bottles.

Tasting notes

Visual: Deep red with ruby ??highlights.

Nose: Notes of black cherry, red fruits and some toasty and spicy notes.

Palate: A gourmet wine with a round mouth and a finish on the freshness.

Ageing potential

4 to 7 years.

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.

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