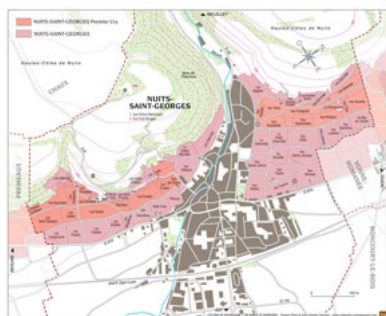




JEAN-CLAUDE BOISSET

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES "BELLE CROIX" 2017



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: 16 September 2017. 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 100% destemmed but not crushed (they were left whole) and were gravity-fed into tanks. Maceration of 16 days of which 3 days cold (12 ° C): Fermentation used indigenous yeasts only (no additives such as enzymes or tannins were used). 5 punchings of the cap.

In the cellar: aged on the lees for 20 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 May 2019.

Production: 1,360 bottles.

Tasting notes

Visual: Shiny wine, ruby ??color.

Nose: Very fine aromas of red berries, cherry stone and some woody notes.

Palate: A digestible wine with a very supple texture, some tannins in the final come to structure it! Fresh red fruits are found on the palate.

Ageing potential

From 7 to 10 years.



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The 2017 vintage, the epitome of Bourgogne elegance.

After spending the winter building up their strength, the vines profited fully from a very warm spring, with budburst in early April ensuring a head start in terms of the growth cycle that was maintained right up to the harvest. The plants progressed from stage to stage free from hindrance, and by mid-June, were flowering before rapid fruit set.

An early vintage was confirmed. During the summer, a few spells of heatwave alternated with more mixed weather. However, ripening continued at a good pace and by the end of August, the first grapes were being picked, two weeks ahead of average. Harvesting continued until mid-September as each plot reached peak maturity. The grapes were in exceptional health and required virtually no sorting. Everyone was very enthusiastic about this fabulous fruit, its peak ripeness, and the volumes produced.

Vinification went without a hitch and the mood was one of serenity for this vintage when the Bourgogne winegrowing region returned to more habitual levels of quality and quantity.

The 2017 vintage is one of the most elegant expressions of the Chardonnay grape, with perfectly balanced wines and a wonderful aromatic profile. They are crisp, with notes of citrus and white-fleshed fruit. Aeration triggers the release of hints of peach and apricot, while in the mouth, minerality and tension balance out this rich, fruit-filled palette. A very fine vintage indeed!

For red wines, intense, dazzling colors ranging from ruby to garnet. From first glance, these wines simply invite one to taste them. Notes of red and black berries in these extremely expressive wines are another sign of indulgence, while perfect balance in the mouth combined with silky tannins results in a very harmonious ensemble that is subtle and without opulence.