

# Savigny-Lès-Beaune 2018

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## TASTING NOTES

The color is a beautiful garnet red. The nose exudes aromas of intense red and black berries. There are also some liquorice notes. The rather robust palate reveals notes of ripe fruit and is structured by fairly powerful tannins.



## ORIGIN

This appellation boasts 180 ha of "Village" appellation. Savigny's vineyards form a V-shape and are located at the meeting place of a valley and the plain, offering some of the most picturesque scenery in the Côte d'Or. The style of the wines produced here varies due to differences in terroir though they all share the Savigny trademark: finesse, elegance, charm and heady aromas.

Our cuvée comes from the climat "Les Bas Liards", with a gentle slope, which is at the entrance of the village on the edge of the Rhoin river.

"Liard" comes from the Gallic "Liga" which means vase or silt. Ancient swamps. Rhoin river was much more abundant in the past.

## VITICULTURE

Grape variety: pinot noir

Soils: fairly deep loamy soil.

Orientation: South

Surface area under vine: 0.7113 ha

Pruning: Guyot system

Yield: 53 hL/ha

Average age of the vines: 40 years old.

## VINIFICATION

Harvest date: 12 September 2018.

The grapes were handpicked. 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. Total maceration of 23 days including 4 days cold (12 C). Fermentation used indigenous yeasts only (no additives such as enzymes or tannins were used). 5 punchings of the cap.

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### AGEING

Maturation: aged on the lees for 15 months with no racking using a proportion of 40% new French oak barrels.

Barrels: 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

Bottling in February 2020, the wine was very gently filtered before being bottled using gravity.

Number of bottles: 5,072.

### VINTAGE

2018, abundance and excellence

After a winter that was almost too mild, the vintage was notable for two contrasting periods. Spring was sunny and totally devoid of frost, despite some localized episodes of hail, which had major impact on certain plots on the Côte de Nuits, which were hit in June. Then the summer was dry and hot, blocking the ripening process in places. Picking began early, with exceptionally abundant fruit in tip-top condition, offering the potential for some very fine wines.

Ageing potential: from 5 to 8 years.



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