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## BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR "Les Ursulines" 2017



### Varietal

100% Pinot Noir

### Origins

Pinot Noir is invariably associated with Burgundy and indeed, it is here that this varietal finds the conditions most conducive to its development... Pinot Noir owes its fame to its native terroir in Burgundy, where it is the only grape used for practically all of the production of red wines. Furthermore, the region's soils and temperate climate suit this varietal perfectly as it is not fond of hot, humid weather. The Côte de Nuits and Côte de Beaune produce what are without doubt the greatest Pinot Noir wines in the world.

### Vineyard selection and management

This wine has the noblest pedigree imaginable, coming as it does from the Côte de Nuits. The grapes were grown on old vines on which specified growing techniques were used: controlled yields due to severe disbudding, cluster thinning if necessary, working of the soil, little or no use of fertilisers, environmentally friendly pest management that respects beneficial wildlife.

### Vinification and maturing

Harvest date: From 8th to 16th 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 completely destemmed but not crushed 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. In the cellar: aged on the lees for 8 months with no racking using a proportion of 15% new French oak barrels that had been toasted at low temperatures for a long time for very delicate oaking. Bottling: in June 2018.

### Tasting notes

Visual: bright rubis red colour.  
Nose: Intense aromas of wild strawberries and raspberry, slightly peppery notes.  
Palate: A juicy wine with silky tannins.

### Ageing potential

3 to 6 years.



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### Vintage : 2017

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.