

ROMANÉE SAINT VIVANT

Grand Cru

2022



THE STYLE OF THE WINE

It is always a privilege to taste a Romanée Saint Vivant. It is a rare emotion born from being close to a masterpiece of nature and man. It has a sumptuous, imposing appearance and is a bright ruby colour. The bouquet has a radiant richness passing from black cherries to raspberry jelly and blackberry cordial with violets. With age it develops notes of undergrowth and leather. This immense wine has expressive intensity and depth. It is smooth but not flabby, silky but structured, dense but elegant. Everything mingles and links together to create sublime complexity.

THE TERROIR

The vineyard of Romanée Saint Vivant is wonderfully located, with only a road separating it from the Romanée-Conti. It has fabulously generous earth on sublime ground whose mixture of clay and limestone makes one of the greatest reds in the world.

DISCOVER MORE

- A long history: founded in 1098, the abbey of Citeaux has made a lengthy contribution to the extension of vines in Burgundy. The monks of Saint-Vivant de Vergy were very much involved in this, so much so that a vineyard in the Côte de Nuits was named after them.
- Some oak but not too much: despite or because of its Grand Cru status, the vinification is done in wooden vats. Ageing is done in wooden barrels during 15 months, the use of new oak remains very moderate: 30% to 50%, helping define the structure of the wine while also contributing some discreet spicy notes. Bottling takes place after 18 months of ageing.
- Up until 1990, this vineyard was in the hands of a single winemaker from the village of Aloxe-Corton. The first vintage of this wine to be produced by Domaine de l'Arlot was 1991.

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FOOD PAIRINGS

With a wine like this, you should not hesitate to set your sights high: fillet of beef with truffle sauce, pressed duck or chicken with ceps. And in autumn, hare "à la royale" would make a perfect match for this legendary red.

These suggestions are offered as a guide, to spark your imagination for flavour pairings.

TASTING NOTE

The first nose seems discreet, but after aeration it becomes more profound. You are carried away by the aromas of flowers and spices that characterise this terroir. The tannins gently coat the palate, which is impressively broad and finishes with spectacular persistence. A great, exceptional wine.

Géraldine Godot, Technical Director (May 2024)

THE WEATHER

After a mild, dry winter and the presence of a cold air mass at the beginning of April, spring-like conditions set in, causing rapid growth of vegetation. Flowering was rapid and clusters of grapes held the promise of a generous harvest. The exceptionally warm spring and timely rainfall allowed good ripening in scorching temperatures. Our Pinot Noir and Chardonnay nonetheless retained a surprising acidity, making them worthy representatives of Burgundy.

THE HARVEST

Ripeness checks were stepped up in mid-August and we noticed some blockages due to very high temperatures. This natural protection proved salutary, as sugar levels progressed slowly and acidity was preserved.

Harvesting took place from 26th to 31st August. Only the Hautes-Côtes de Nuits plot was harvested on 10th September. The weather was fine and the volumes unexpected. The estate's yield was 38hl/ha.

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