

CLOS DE L'ARLOT MONOPOLE

Nuits Saint Georges 1er Cru

2021



THE STYLE OF THE WINE

The finesse and elegance of this wine convey an irresistible impression of immediate pleasure. It starts off with a radiant, complex bouquet with a combination of notes of raspberries, red currants, cherries and strawberries with floral nuances. The dialogue continues in the mouth with the discovery of a red wine with a delicate, elegant structure and good underlying concentration. This is a well-balanced wine with supple tannins which wins one over with its never-ending length, which emphasizes the red fruit flavours.

THE TERROIR

A complex terroir with microclimates and varied soils: marl with *ostrea acuminata*, Premeaux limestone and white oolite. The Clos de l'Arlot is unusual for being planted on the site of a former quarry, giving it the shape of an amphitheatre. Its name comes from the spring that rises at the bottom of the plot and flows into the Courtavaux a little lower down.

DISCOVER MORE

- The two hectares of Clos de l'Arlot red are composed of two very distinct types of soil: at the top, white oolite on which young vines are planted; at the bottom, marl containing *ostrea acuminata* where some of the old vines are grown.
- Traditional vinification: A manual harvest, minimal vatting, pumping over and punching down without excess to reveal the full finesse of this great terroir. The wines are aged for 15 months in oak barrels, with a maximum of 45% new barrels, and 3 months in vats before bottling.
- Only grapes from the oldest vines are included in the Clos de l'Arlot red cuvée. The wines from the young vines make up a blend with the Nuits Saint Georges Premier Cru label, Cuvée Mont des Oiseaux, a sensual, fruit-laden wine.

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TASTING NOTE

This wine is light in colour, with a very perfumed nose. On the palate, delicate notes of roses and peonies mingle with aromas of crushed strawberries, we also find a delicate and airy character, typical of the estate. The tannins are smooth and the persistent length on the palate suggests a wonderful ageing potential.

Géraldine Godot, Technical Director (April 2023)

THE WEATHER

After a mild winter, the vine started its growing cycle early, in March, as it did in 2020. Everything suddenly changed with the three consecutive nights of frost from 5th to 8th April. Our Chardonnay vines were severely impacted, but our Pinot Noir vines withstood well, with very little loss. The growing cycle made a timid recovery and caught up in June thanks to the accumulation of water and the rise in temperatures. Flowering began in mid-June. The first grapes appeared at the end of July, and ripening continued throughout the season, although inconsistently between the Pinot and Chardonnay plots.

THE HARVEST

The harvest took place from 20th to 25th September, with cool, sunny weather.

THE GRAPES

All the grapes were carefully sorted to ensure that only healthy grapes were vatted and pressed. Due to the difficult weather conditions in 2021, ripening happened slowly. Fortunately, the heat and the wind at the beginning of September were beneficial to the process. The 2021 vintage promises to be elegant, fresh and typical of Burgundy.

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