



## Clos de Vougeot Grand cru

RED



### *The appellation*

Founded around 1110 by the Abbaye de Cîteaux, who will own it until 1789, the Clos Vougeot is a symbol of Burgundy. Located on 50.59 unsegmented hectares, the plot is still girded with the walls built around it 5 centuries ago. It is one of the emblematic names of red Grands crus.

### *Grape variety*

Pinot noir

### *Plant density*

10,000 plants/hectare

### *Average production authorized*

40 hectoliters/hectare

### *Soil*

Vast and diverse, the Clos de Vougeot is like petit point tapestry. A shallow soil with abundant gravel on the higher part, brown ground on limestone gravel on the center part, and a deeper brown soil with more clay and silt on its lower part.

### *Plot surface area*

0 hectare 20 ares (1 hectare = 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> = 24 "ouvrées")

### *Yearly production*

900 bottles

### *Elaboration method*

**Vineyard work philosophy:** sustainable farming. No herbicides used in our vineyards since 2000, replaced by hilling up/de-hilling in winter and plowing in the spring. Systematic de-budding. Hand-picked only.

**Vinification:** traditional fermentation in tank 3/4 weeks.

**Aging:** 14 to 18 months in French oak barrels (from the Forêt de Troncet). 100% single-wine barrels.

### *Tasting*

**Characteristics:** With its velvety purple color, this wine is the archetype of pinot noir. It shows clear black fruit (ripe cherry, prune, blackcurrant, etc.) aromas and a certain hint of spice (peppers, licorice, clove, nutmeg, etc.). With age comes a touch of candied fruit, along with complex tertiary aromas verging on meaty hints.

**Pairing:** The fleshy sap and reputable image of the Clos de Vougeot imply rich and smooth matches. Therefore, it is no surprise that it leans towards musky, parsley and tender meats: prime rib, braised lamb, roasted veal or a nice piece of game bird. It also perfectly matches with soft and washed rind cheese: Époisses, Langres, Soumaintrain and Cîteaux.

**Serving temperature:** 12 to 13°C when young. 15 to 16°C with a bit of age.

**Aging potential:** 5 to 15 years.