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PREMIERS & GRANDS CRUS

2013
CLOS DE LA ROCHE
GRAND CRU



2013 Vintage Notes: The 2013 winter was mild and humid. Budbreak took place later than usual, at the beginning of May. Spring began rather cold and rainy, especially in May. In all our plots, we were careful to have good grass presence in order to absorb water. Flowering was especially long because of low temperatures, beginning mid-June and ended in early July. Thanks to a nice summer, veraison took place in optimal conditions. The Burgundy harvest in 2013 began a month later than in 2011 and two and half weeks later than in 2012. We started on September 28 with Mazis-Chambertin (one of our oldest vines). Thanks to a wonderful and dry month of September, the sanitary state of the vines was good. We harvested beautiful grapes in our premier and grand crus from Côte de Nuits. Fortunately we finished just before the heavy rains that started around October 10.

Vineyard: Produced from 50-year-old vines in Clos de la Roche, one of the four Grands Crus of the Morey-Saint-Denis commune. 13.41 hectares (33 acres) is the total vineyard area of the Clos under production. Limestone dominates in the Clos de la Roche, where the soil is barely 30 cm. (12 inches) deep with few pebbles but with large boulders which give the climat its name. 250 meter (820 feet) elevation; east/southeast orientation

Vine Density: 10,000 vines per hectare

Viticulture: Lutte raisonnée ("reasoned protection"); two green harvests during the summer; sustainably farmed

Harvest Dates: September 28 - October 6

Yields: Average of 30 hectoliters per hectare

Vinification: Five to seven days cold maceration; total maceration of 20-22 days; no heating, only temperature control to avoid the temperature rising above 31°C (87°F); 50% whole cluster; indigenous yeast; 100% malolactic fermentation; no filtration

Barrel Aging: 16 months in 100% new oak from the forests of Jupilles and Fontainebleau; Stéphane Chassin, cooper

Total Production: 350 cases (6/750ml)

Alcohol: 13%

Tasting Notes: The wine is ample, deep and savory, marrying power and delicacy, while on the nose one finds violets and red cherries along with spices (pepper, cinnamon, cloves). The mouth deploys a tapestry of tannins with fine, velvety texture. Optimum maturity: 2020 - 2050.

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