



Area : 0,27 ha

Age of the vines : 35 years old

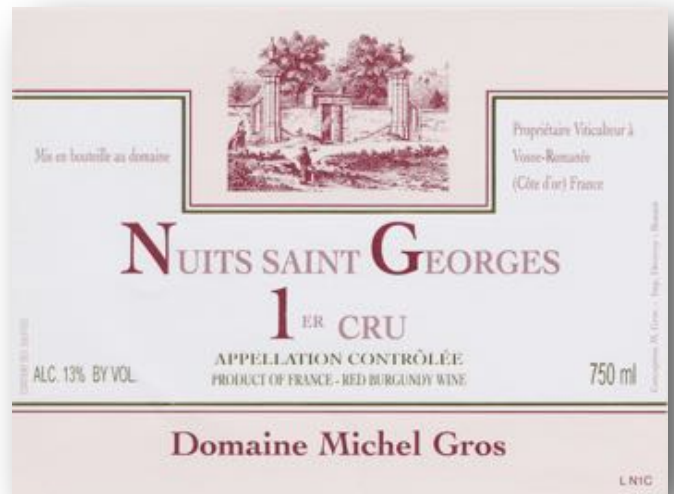
Average annual production : 1200 bottles

Grape variety : Pinot Noir

Vintage 2018

2018 is an early-harvest vintage marked by a spring and summer that were very hot and dry, resulting in very complete ripeness and perfectly healthy grapes.

After a relatively mild and rainy winter 2017-2018, the cool, damp start of spring forecast a rather late harvest. The return of hot weather in April changed all that and the vines then set off growing very rapidly through to the end of summer. At the domain, the whole team had to double their efforts to keep up with the very active vine growth. Vine-flowering passed off perfectly from end May, announcing a harvest at the very beginning of September. The rainfall shortage in spring and summer did not pose a major problem for our vines, probably thanks to water reserves accumulated during the winter. Rain storms in the month of July allowed the vines to reach perfect ripeness at the beginning of September. Unfortunately, the storms on 3rd and 15th July provoked outbreaks of hail that seriously impacted on our sector of the Hautes-Côtes de Nuits (average loss of crop at 50%) and our parcel of 'Les Chaliots' located in Nuits-Saint-Georges (loss of around 30%).



We began harvesting on 4th September on the 'Côte' and finished on 17th September in the Hautes-Côtes. Grape healthiness was absolutely perfect and sorting was virtually unnecessary. Only the crop from hail-damaged parcels had to be very carefully sorted and we were lucky to be able to use an optical grape sorter to remove grapes damaged by hail.

This relatively early date of harvest and the perfect grape healthiness led to production of wines of great purity with beautiful freshness and bursting with fruit. The vintage already promises to be a very good one for laying down. In conclusion, 2018 is a vintage full of sunshine that gave seductive, pure wines with silky tannic structure and lovely acidity, signs that the most patient wine lovers will be rewarded.

The weather profile of this vintage brings it close to vintages 2003 and 2009.

Press review



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A whiff of herbal tea sits atop the pretty red fruit aromas, and in particular red cherry, along with hints of earth and underbrush. There is once again very good volume to the punchy and reasonably well-detailed medium-bodied flavors that exude a refreshing salinity on the powerful, firm and moderately rustic finale that is presently fairly chewy.

Burgundy Briefing. Sarah Marsh, November 2019
More oak showing now. Rich and juicy. Splashing fruit. Generous of tannins. Ripe. Quite sumptuous for NSG. 17,5