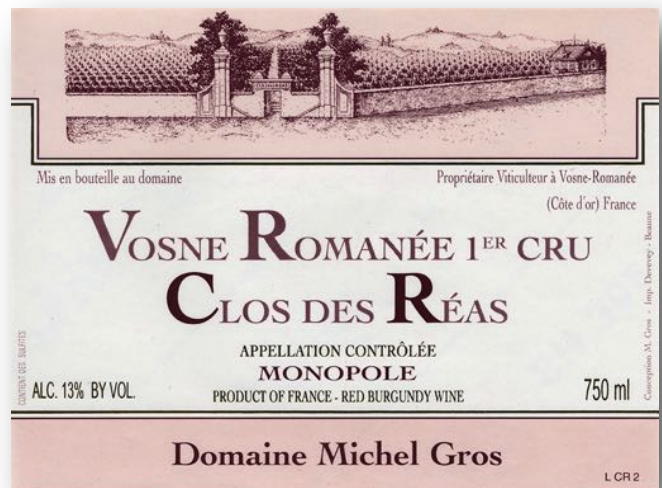


Area : 2,12 ha
 Age of the vines : 40 years
 Average annual production : 10 000 bottles
 Grape variety : Pinot Noir



2013 is once again a vintage responsible for seriously stressing the winegrowers in Burgundy. We had a bad fight against mildew and oidium on our hands, in view to bring healthy grapes to the winery.

An exceptionally cold and wet month of May explains mainly the delay in harvesting, starting in Vosne the 6th of October and ending in the Hautes-Côtes on the 17th. Last time harvest was even later than this goes back to the 1978 vintage.

A very disturbed weather during the flowering period in the second half of June resulted in flower abortion and millerandage for nearly all the bunches, consequently showing small berries and a harvest between 30 and 40% lower than average.

However the millerandage saved this vintage.

The small bunches ripened perfectly in spite of a mixed summer, except for a hot and sunny month of July.

The millerandage also helped to strongly reduce the sensitivity to Botrytis cinerea which could have totally destroyed the grapes during the last stormy days before harvest.

The millerandage, while reducing the proportion of juice, is the reason why the wines have such a sustained colour, a natural concentration without excessive tannins, as the imperfect fecundation decreased the number and size of the pips.

A late ripeness due to the rather chilly temperatures allowed the intense fruit aromas to develop, specific markers of each terroir, and a high acidity level, synonym of longevity.

This analytic acidity, revealed by low PH, is not detected during tasting, thanks to very mellow tannins and a rich texture reducing its perception.

The wines are already very seductive due to their harmony, their equilibrium, their intensity and their precise aromas. They will keep for many years and remind us of the 1993 vintage, still excellent to-date.

Press review :

Jancis Robinson, January 12, 2015

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Savoury oyster sauce on the nose with crunchy black fruit and a lovely pipe tobacco smoke, or maybe a sort of Guinness character! Charming and bright and quirky. (RH) 2020 - 2035

Sarah Marsh, Winter 2014, The Burgundy Briefing N° 16

35 barrels and 60% new oak. Impressively silky smooth and elegant. Ripples gently across the palate. It is discreet, restrained and very long. Just enough of everything and not too much of anything. Score 18.85 From 2022

Bill Nanson, December 29, 2014, Burgundy Report

Here is a wider and more spicy nose – though with less aromatic depth, except it does improve in the glass. Lovely over palate – more concentrated, less lithe. Here is lovely fruit and obvious Vosne Romanée complexity – this is really excellent today. Probably a ‘better’ wine than the Brulees, but today, I’d rather drink that wine.

International Wine Challenge 2015

Enticingly attractive aromatics lead to a fine black cherry and spice, tender palate. Silver medal.

Allen Meadows, 15/01/2015, Issue 57

M. Gros indicated that the malo for this wine was extremely long and the nose, while not really reduced, did seem somewhat flat and atypical. On the plus side there is excellent concentration to the middle weight flavors where the velvety mouth feel benefits enormously from the abundance of dry extract that buffers the moderately firm tannic spine on the palate coating, serious and long if mildly oaky finish. This is impressive and should drink well young if desired. ♥