



Area : 8 ha
Average Age of the Vines : 35 years old
Average Annual Production : 28 000 bottles
Grape Variety : Pinot Noir

Localisation :

The Hautes-Côtes vineyard was destroyed by Phylloxera between 1885 and 1900, as the rest of the French vineyard.

Contrary to the Côte de Nuits vineyard which has been replanted very quickly, we had to wait for the beginning of the seventies to see the revival of this appellation, of which my father, Jean GROS, was one of the first initiators.

Our vineyard is located at Arcenant, a small village in the middle of the Meuzin valley, 7 km west of Nuits-Saint-Georges. It is situated on a south-east exposed slope at an altitude reaching 360m to 420m (it is almost 100m higher than the Côte vineyard). This difference in altitude imposes a later harvest than on the Côte (almost 8 days later).

The rows are planted at a 2,60m distance, and the trellising is 1,80m high. This kind of training allows a planting that follows the contour lines, thus creating a small terrace at every row.

The space between rows is turfed. The pruning system is the bilateral cordon pruning.

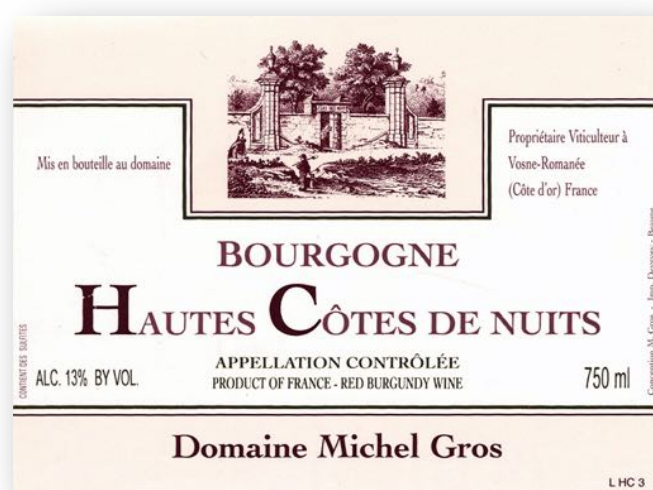
The soil and subsoil have 3 geological strata which are exactly the same as those we can find 100m lower in altitude in the Côte de Beaune in the vicinity of Aloxe-Corton.

This explains the strength and the masculine character characterizing these wines, as well as their excellent ageing qualities.

Vintage 2014

Spring was particularly dry and hot, with vegetative growth starting very early, from the end of March. These very favourable conditions lasted until the end of June, bringing about hasty vine flowering during the first week of June, then rapid swelling of the grapes, which reached the stage of fully-formed bunches by 1st July, some 2 weeks ahead of normal. The months of July and August were much cooler and damper, which slowed vine development.

At the end of August, then throughout the month of September, the weather remained dry, hot and sunny, allowing good grape ripening.



The harvest started at the domain on 15th September and ended on 1st October in the Hautes-Côtes, in ideal conditions.

The weather profile is very close to that of the 2011 vintage and the wines naturally show a lot of similarities: these are wines of intense colour, with well-integrated tannins thanks to complete ripeness and acidities that are mid-range, enhancing roundness on the palate. Aromas are precise and the character of each *climat* well defined.

All things considered, a vintage that is well-balanced, easy to appreciate in its youth, but with nevertheless an ageing potential of some ten years.

Press Review :

THE Burgundy Briefing.

Sarah Marsh, Winter 2015

Fresh and red and a touch of black fruit. High toned. Soft and fruity; plenty of red fruits, juicy and supple and energetic. Very nice forward fruity wine with sappy acidity at the end.

Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator, June 2017

A supple and juicy style with flavors of cherry, cassis, spices and licorice. Intense and engaging, with a firm and enticing finish.. 88 points



Allen Meadows, 15/01/2016, Issue 61

An agreeably fresh and cool mix of earthy red berry, dark currant and floral hints leads to rich and fleshy flavors that culminate in a clean and slightly more complex finale. Here too there is a hint of tang but again I don't believe that it is due to under ripeness.