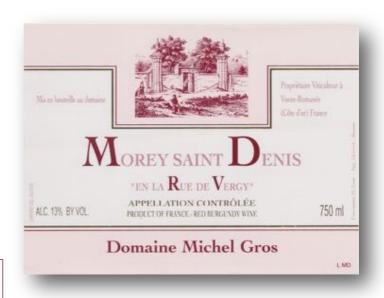


Area : 0,23 ha

Age of the Vines: 20 years old

Average annual Production: 1500 btls

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir



Localisation:

It is located on Comblanchien limestone covered by 30 to 35cm of a clayey and very stony soil. These soils, which are light and have a good filtering potential, give soft and very fine wines, very elegant.

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:

Sarah Marsh, Winter 2014, The Burgundy Briefing N° 16 One third new oak. Floral aromas, spices and wild flowers. This is rounded and smooth. Generous and yet subtle and delicate. Very nicely integrated acidity; plenty of silky-smooth tannins and a freshness and spice on the finish. The texture gives this wine slightly sumptuous quality, but so refreshing too. This has charm. Score 16.4. From 2019

Allen Meadows, 15/01/2015, Issue 57

Noticeable but not invasive wood sets off pretty aromas that combine notes of various dark berries, plum, violets and a hint of wet stone. The stony character is also reflected by the lush, even opulent flavors that possess unusually good richness, all wrapped in an ever-so-mildly austere finish. This delicious effort should be approachable young but age well over the mid-term.