Domaine Tollot-Beaut, Corton Grand Cru 2016 Aloxe-Corton, Burgundy, France





Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Jean-Paul Tollot
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13.5%
Acidity	5.5g/L
Wine pH	3.3
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Domaine Tollot-Beaut, located in Chorey-Lès-Beaune, was started in 1880 by François Tollot. The fifth generation of the family, Nathalie Tollot and her two cousins, Olivier and Jean-Paul, now oversee the Domaine. Tollot-Beaut was among the first producers in the Côte d'Or to start bottling its wines at the Domaine, in 1921. They own a total of 24 hectares across four communes: Chorey-Lès-Beaune, Savigny-Lès-Beaune, Beaune and Aloxe-Corton. Their wines range from Bourgogne through to Grand Cru.

VINEYARDS

The grapes come from the 'Les Combes' climat in the Corton Grand Cru vineyard. This walled site is located on the lower slopes of the Corton hill. The vines face south-east and are guyot trained. The vineyards are ploughed and the family practice la lutte raisonée.

VINTAGE

What had promised initially to be a very generous vintage, turned out to be an extremely difficult year for Burgundy, with terrible bouts of hail, frost and mildew. Yields were very low due to the complicated weather patterns throughout the year. The harvest ended on a high note with a warm, dry and sunny July through to September. This spell of consistently good weather salvaged the vintage. Harvest started on 22nd September and finished on 28th September.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation lasted for 14 days in open vats, with daily punching down of the cap. Temperatures did not surpass 32°C. The wine was transferred into French oak barrels, of which 50% were new. The wine was racked once following malolactic fermentation and aged for 16 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The Corton Grand Cru from Domaine Tollot-Beaut opens in the glass with notes of dark wild berries, espresso and sweet spice. The flavours are concentrated on the palate, well-structured with firm tannins and racy acidity. A powerful wine which will continue to improve with age.

