

Jean-Claude Boisset,  
**Chambolle-Musigny 2020**  
Chambolle-Musigny, Burgundy, France



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Grape Varieties	<b>100% Pinot Noir</b>
Winemaker	<b>Grégory Patriat</b>
Closure	<b>Natural Cork</b>
ABV	<b>14%</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Vegan</b>

## PRODUCER

Jean-Claude Boisset is a family-owned wine company founded in 1961, with their first parcel located in Gevrey-Chambertin. Today the company is run by 2nd generation siblings Jean-Charles and Nathalie Boisset and is based in Les Ursulines, a former convent in Nuits-Saint-Georges converted into a state-of-the-art winery. Since 2002, the wines have been made by Grégory Patriat. Previously head viticulturist and assistant winemaker at the legendary Domaine Leroy, Grégory has brought a detailed, vineyard-led approach to Jean-Claude Boisset. After tasting the 2021 vintage, Jancis Robinson wrote that she "was utterly knocked out by the balance and refinement of Grégory Patriat's wines at J-C Boisset".

## VINEYARDS

Chambolle-Musigny is one of the smallest and most parcelled appellations of the Côte de Nuits whose Grand Crus are among Burgundy's rarest and most collectable wines. Boisset's Village Chambolle comes from massale selected vines from five 'lieux dits' located around the village, including 'Les Pas de Chats', 'Derrière le four', 'Les Danguerrins' and the famed 'Clos de l'Orme', which many growers believe to be as good as their Premier Cru sites. Boisset's Chambolle vines have been farmed organically since 2009. The vines have an average age of 47 years. The soils are very infertile and their base of hard limestone, topped by a thin layer of Bathonian limestone, ensures good soil drainage and contributes to the precise, sensual character of their Chambolle. Production is very small; Boisset produces just 2000-2800 bottles of Chambolle Village depending on the vintage.

## VINTAGE

2020 in Burgundy was characterised by hot and dry conditions, resulting in an early harvest that took place on the 7th September. After a mild spring, temperatures climbed and then remained consistently warm throughout the majority of the summer months, greatly reducing any risk of disease in the vineyard. Unfortunately, with their characteristically thin skins, a portion of the Pinot Noir grapes were affected by sunburn and had to be removed before harvest. However, those that were left were of superb quality, with high colour and aromatic intensity. Grégory Patriat is excited by the potential of the 2020s: "Lots of lovely colour in the reds, with very high polyphenol content, firm tannins and excellent levels of acidity. Looks set to be a year with great cellaring potential."

## VINIFICATION

The hand-harvested grapes were carefully sorted at the vineyard and again on arrival at the winery, to ensure that only those in pristine condition were used. After sorting, 80% of the bunches were destemmed and gravity-fed into small stainless-steel vats, without any crushing. 20% of the remaining whole bunches underwent a 16-day maceration on their skins, including five days at a cold 12°C, before the entire crop underwent fermentation with indigenous yeasts at controlled temperatures. After fermentation, the wine was racked to 33% new oak, where it spent 11 months before bottling in September 2021.

## **TASTING NOTES**

Garnet in colour with hints of purple, the nose exhibits complex aromas of blackberries, violets, spice and toasty notes. On the palate, it has a lovely mouthfeel, while still fresh and delicately scented, with more pronounced tannins evident on the long, structured finish.