

Jean-Claude Boisset,
Savigny-lès-Beaune `Les Planchots` 2022
Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France



JEAN-CLAUDE BOISSET



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Grégory Patriat
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13%
Bottle Sizes	75cl

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

The Savigny-Lès-Beaune vineyards form a V-shape and are located at the meeting point of the valley and the plain, offering some of the most picturesque scenery in the Côte d'Or. The 'Les Planchots' vineyards are located at the far south of Savigny-Lès-Beaune. The south-facing, Guyot-trained vines are 53 years old and are planted on deep marl soils. 'Planchoth' is the Burgundian derivative of 'Planche', (from the Latin 'Planca'), meaning footbridge, a nod to the little river Rhoin which runs through the middle of the Planchots vineyards.

VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage in Burgundy is characterised by abundance and excellence. Despite heatwaves and the largest drought in Burgundy since 1976, 2022 emerged as a generous vintage, with excellent quality. The growing season began with a cold winter, which delayed budburst and ensured most vineyards escaped April frosts unscathed. Optimal spring conditions followed and the vines grew quickly, with flowering taking place in mid-May. The summer was hot and dry, yet rain showers at the end of June replenished water reserves and allowed vines to thrive. Harvest at Jean-Claude Boisset began on 29th August and finished on 14th September. The grapes were in such excellent condition that virtually no sorting was required. Grégory Patriat describes 2022 as "a beautiful vintage".

VINIFICATION

The hand-harvested Pinot Noir was carefully sorted on the winery sorting table before being 100% destemmed and then gravity fed into tank for a cool pre-fermentation maceration at 12°C for four days. Fermentation followed with indigenous yeasts. Four punch downs were carried out during the ferment and total maceration time on the skins (including the pre-fermentation maceration) was 20 days. Following fermentation, the wine was aged for 10 months in lightly toasted, 228-litre, French oak barrels, 37% of which were new. Bottled in August 2023, 2,324 bottles were produced.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red, with a highly expressive nose of red and black berries and ripe cherry, mingled with flavours of sweet spices and a light woody note. The palate is rich, with round, velvety tannins and a lingering finish.