

Jean-Claude Boisset,  
**Volnay 1er cru `Les Santenots` 2022**  
Bourgogne, 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>13%</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>

## PRODUCER

Grégory Patriat is the accomplished winemaker at the helm of Nuits-Saint-Georges négociant Jean-Claude Boisset. Previously head viticulturist and assistant winemaker at the legendary Domaine Leroy, Grégory has brought a detailed, vineyard-led approach to Jean-Claude Boisset and produces wines that are truly reflective of their lieu-dits. It is a testament to his skill, that after tasting the 2021 vintage, Jancis Robinson MW wrote that she "was utterly knocked out by the balance and refinement of Grégory Patriat's wines at J-C Boisset". Founded by the Boisset family in 1961, the company is now based in Les Ursulines, a former convent in Nuits-Saint-Georges that has been converted into a state-of-the-art, gravity-fed winery.

## VINEYARDS

'Les Santenots' is a Premier Cru curiosity. Located just south of the Volnay commune boundary and actually within the commune of Meursault, it is both a Meursault Premier Cru (for whites) and a Volnay Premier Cru (for reds). Grégory works with a small Pinot Noir parcel here on brown marl soils peppered with small pebbles. The 67-year-old vines here are east-facing and Guyot trained. There are two theories about the name 'Santenots'. It could be derived from the Latin 'sentes' meaning brambles, or from the Gaulish word 'sentu' meaning path, alluding to the routes down to the Roman road near Auxey-Duresses.

## 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 gravity fed into tank for a cool pre-fermentation maceration at 12°C for four days. Fermentation followed with 40% whole bunch and indigenous yeasts. Only three 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, 33% of which were new. 4,229 bottles produced.

## TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red in colour, this wine reveals a prominent nose of violets, followed by aromas of red berries and white pepper. Incredibly fresh and juicy on the palate, with great acidity and good length.