

Jean-Claude Boisset,  
**Corton Grand Cru `Les Renardes` 2022**  
Aloxe-Corton, 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

Composed of 25 different climats, the Corton Grand Cru vineyards extend over three villages: Aloxe-Corton, Ladoix-Serrigny and Pernand-Vergelesses, each with their own recognisable style. The 0.3-hectare 'Les Renardes' Grand Cru is located in the village of Aloxe-Corton on gentle, east-facing slopes. Soils here are brown clay-limestone and very stony. Grégory works with a parcel of 42-year-old, Guyot-trained vines here. The name 'Les Renardes' is either derived from the French word for fox, or from the surname of the original owners of the vineyard.

### 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 three days. Fermentation followed with 50% whole bunch and indigenous yeasts. Three punch downs were carried out during the ferment and total maceration time on the skins (including the pre-fermentation maceration) was 22 days. Following fermentation, the wine was aged for 10 months in lightly toasted, 228-litre, French oak barrels, 40% of which were new. 1,080 bottles produced.

### TASTING NOTES

A Corton Grand Cru that lives up to its name. Intense aromas of black cherry and blackberry are married with a subtle spiciness. Powerful yet elegant on the palate with firm but fine tannins, a mouthwatering acidity, a marked minerality and an exceptionally long finish.