

Jean-Claude Boisset,
Organic Beaune 1er Cru `Les Avaux` 2022
Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France



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Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Grégory Patriat
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14%
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Certified Organic

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

Of the over 400 hectares of vineyard in the Beaune appellation, more than 300 are classified Premier Cru. Premier Cru 'Les Avaux' is located on the gentle slope to the West of Beaune, just below Premier Cru 'Champs Pimont'. Grégory works with an organically farmed parcel here, planted on deep, well-draining, clay-limestone soils. The 32-year-old Pinot Noir vines are east-facing and Guyot trained. The name 'Les Avaux' is derived from the French 'en aval' meaning downstream.

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 three 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 21 days. Following fermentation, the wine was aged in lightly toasted, 228-litre, French oak barrels, 33% of which were new.

TASTING NOTES

Benchmark Beaune 1er Cru brimming with aromas of cherry and blackcurrant alongside a subtle spiciness. The palate presents well-rounded, silky tannins and a mouthwatering acidity that drives the complex aromas onto the mineral finish.