

Jean-Claude Boisset,
Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru `Les Terres Blanches` 2022
Nuits-Saint-Georges, Burgundy, France



JEAN-CLAUDE BOISSET



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Blanc
Winemaker	Grégory Patriat
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	12.5%
Bottle Sizes	75cl

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

Situated halfway between Dijon and Beaune, the Nuits-Saint-Georges vineyards stretch over six kilometres and cover over 300 hectares and a great diversity of terroirs. White 1er Cru plantings are a rarity here, with less than seven hectares of 1er Cru vineyard planted to white varieties. The south-facing 'Terres Blanches' parcel is located in the far south of Nuits-Saint-Georges towards Prémieux-Prissey and the Bois de la Montagne. The 44-year-old Pinot Blanc vines are Guyot trained and planted on light and well-draining gravelly limestone soils.

VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage in Burgundy was 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

Upon arrival at the winery, the hand-harvested Pinot Blanc grapes were gently whole bunch pressed for 2.5 hours. The temperature of the must was brought down to 12°C and it was transferred to 228-litre French oak fûts for fermentation with indigenous yeasts. Following fermentation, the wine was aged for 18 months in lightly toasted French fûts, 100% new oak. 294 bottles produced in 2022.

TASTING NOTES

An interesting white curiosity from a Pinot Blanc parcel in Nuits-Saint-Georges. On the nose, aromas of ripe lemon and white peach leap out of the glass, alongside subtle toasty notes. On the palate, there is a marked minerality and a lifted acidity drives the complex flavours onto the long finish.