

Jean-Claude Boisset,
Pouilly-Fuissé 1er Cru `Sur la Roche` 2022
Pouilly-Fuissé, Burgundy, France



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Grape Varieties	100% Chardonnay
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

'Sur La Roche' was one of the 22 climats in Pouilly-Fuissé granted Premier Cru status in 2020. The 485-metre Roche de Vergisson towers over the vineyards which face southeast and sit on a gentle 15% slope at 375 metres above sea level. Soils are relatively shallow and composed predominantly of hard limestone. Grégory works with a plot of 82-year-old, Guyot-trained Chardonnay vines here which produce low yields of grapes packed full of flavour.

VINTAGE

Following the challenges of 2021, 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 and yields far exceeding the three previous years. 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 with the Corton 'Les Renardes' Grand Cru parcel and finished on 14th September. The grapes were in such excellent condition that virtually no sorting was required. Having tracked the 'élevage' process over the past year, Grégory Patriat describes 2022 as "a beautiful vintage". He is particularly excited by the potential longevity of the wines, which balance fantastic concentration with remarkable freshness.

VINIFICATION

Upon arrival at the winery, the hand-harvested Chardonnay grapes were gently whole bunch pressed for 3 hours. The temperature of the must was brought down to 12°C and it was transferred to 450-litre French oak demi-muids for fermentation with indigenous yeasts. Following fermentation, the wine was aged in lightly toasted, French oak demi-muids, 40% of which were new.

TASTING NOTES

A wonderfully elegant 1er Cru Pouilly-Fuissé which marries zippy aromas of citrus fruit and crunchy apple with subtle toasty aromas. On the palate this is beautifully textured with a marked minerality on the lingering finish.