



# DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

## Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru 2002

2002 is a very pure, well-focused vintage. The grapes were beautifully ripe and healthy, without a trace of rot. Just how great this vintage is, of course, depends on the terroir. However the wines are showing very well, with plenty of fruit, considerable delicacy and beautifully ripe tannin.

The Pinot Noir varietal character comes through very well, with impressive finesse and refinement. The bywords for the 2002 vintage are fruit and elegance, and the wines will keep very well - at least until 2012.

### GRAPE VARIETY & PLOT SIZE

Grape variety: 100% Pinot Noir on a 0.73 hectare plot

### TERROIR

Situated on the hill where the Grands Crus of Corton are located. The south-east facing vineyards and slight slope ensure perfect ripening.

This sun exposure, combined with stony clay-limestone soil, is conducive to early ripening whatever the weather during the growing season.

### VINIFICATION & AGEING

The grapes were handpicked into small crates, then sorted and totally destemmed. The wine stayed on the skins for 20 days in temperature-controlled open oak vats. Pigeage (punching down the cap) was done twice a day during alcoholic fermentation.

100% malolactic fermentation

100% ageing in oak barrels

Duration of ageing: 20 months

### TASTING NOTES

Tasted in 2003

COLOUR: Very beautiful intense, dark ruby-red

NOSE: Smoky, toasty, liquorice aromas

PALATE: Generous and concentrated, with flavours of dark chocolate, truffle, spice, and liquorice, accompanied by deep, silky tannin



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