



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Beaune Grèves Premier Cru 2012

2012 Virtuoso Winemaker Vintage!

2012 weather conditions showed that nature remains the determining factor in winemaking. It is still stronger than anything and this is for the best.

Throughout vine growth cycle, our vineyards suffered from the whims of Mother Nature: winter and spring frosts, significant temperature fluctuations in spring and summer, arduous flowering (coulure and millerandage), several violent storms, hail and heat, as well as strong pressure from mildew and oïdium!

All these phenomena have resulted in historically low yields. Nevertheless, nature often restores things very well, so it enabled remaining grapes to fully ripen and maintain a good health condition in the vineyard.

First tastings show harmonious and savoury wines with refreshing fruitiness together with precise and particular density on the palate.

GRAPE VARIETY & PLOT SIZE

Grape variety: 100% Pinot Noir on a 1.17 hectare plot

TERROIR

Beautiful vineyard plot overlooking the city of Beaune.

Clay-limestone soil with a predominance of Grèves (small pebbles) and sand. The silica in the sand stores warmth from the sun and is an important factor in ripeness. The wines are noted for their elegance and fruit.

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. Entirely aged in oak barrels.

Duration of ageing: 16 months

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in February 2014

COLOUR: Beautiful dark red colour with intense purple reflections.

NOSE: First nose almost exclusively empyreumatic notes of roasting, gently smoke scented and spicy notes. With aeration developing black fruit aromas.

PALATE: Refreshing and crunchy with flavours of kernel and stone fruit. Seducing energy and fine tannins, fresh and lively. Digestible finish.



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