

DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Clos Vougeot Grand Cru 2023



Vintage 2023

"Green harvest at the end of July + summer temperatures at the end of August = very good quality potential for the 2023 harvest".

After a very mild, dry winter, the vines were soon active again. The first green tips were observed at the end of March.

The development of the vegetative cycle was slowed by very cool weather in April and the second half of May.

Bright sunshine and high temperatures in June reawakened the vegetation, and the vines began to grow rapidly. Closing of the bunches (around July 1) took place only 3 weeks after the midflowering stage. High water levels during the summer, combined with gloomy, almost autumnal weather in the first two weeks of August, slowed down veraison and ripening, but miraculously the weather changed radically around August 20 and conditions became summer-like again. The grapes ripened very quickly under the scorching temperatures, provided the overloaded vines had been unloaded.

Harvesting at the estate began on August 31 for Chardonnay and September 9 for Pinot Noir

GRAPE VARIETY & PLOT SIZE

Grape variety: 100% Pinot Noir on a 1.28 hectare plot

TERROIR

This 50-hectare clos (walled vineyard) was created by the Monks of Cîteaux. Their cellar was located in the Château du Clos Vougeot, which is now the headquarters of the Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin.

The soil his a large clay content, which accounts to the powerful, well-structured wines that have a rustic side when very young.

VINIFICATION & AGEING

The grapes were handpicked into small crates, then sorted, 45% whole grapes and the rest 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

The wine was aged entirely in oak barrels.

Duration of barrel ageing: 20 months

Organic Wine

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in May 2025

COLOUR: Deep ruby red.

NOSE: Very seductive fresh fruitiness and finesse (cherry), evolving on toasty, spicy and licorice notes.

PALATE: Full-bodied, with dense, fresh fruit. Beautiful, enveloping texture. Rich, thick, spicy tannins.

