



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2005

One often hears and reads that 2005 is a vintage of the century. Indeed, the tremendous potential of wines from this magnificent year is already obvious. Not only is this a very great vintage, but the wines are also delicious young. However, wine lovers would be well-advised to hold off from drinking them straight away, and their patience will be richly rewarded. The wines are fairly closed today (in 2007) and not very aromatic, but display ripe tannin and a beautiful mineral quality. It is suggested to age them as long as possible.

GRAPE VARIETY

Grape variety: 100% Chardonnay.

TERROIR

Situated on the hill where the Grands Crus of Corton are located. Facing due east, the vineyard overlooks the village of Ladoix-Serrigny and goes up to the edge of the forest. The vineyard is steep and very chalky, which confers an intense mineral quality.

VINIFICATION & AGEING

The grapes are handpicked into small crates and the whole bunches are then pressed in a pneumatic winepress. The juice was cold settled after pressing for 12-14 hours under temperature-controlled conditions. Alcoholic fermentation and ageing take place 100% in oak barrels with bâtonnage (lees stirring).
100% malolactic fermentation
Duration of ageing: 21 months

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in April 2008

COLOUR: White gold with silver-grey highlights

NOSE: Very straightforward and pure with aromas of flint and spice

PALATE: Strong and authoritative as well as very fresh with a marked mineral quality and flavours reminiscent of truffle and fresh earth

Very long aftertaste

This wine can age for 15 years or more



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