

# DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

## Musigny Grand Cru 2004

2004 The key to success: A continuous, demanding, careful and precise winemaking.

After a cool and grey summer, September was splendid with excessive sunshine and high temperatures, that allowed the grapes to ripen perfectly and us to started harvesting in the last week of September. Thanks to a careful work at the sorting table, the red wines are well structured with beautiful colour and have an amazing ageing potential potential.

#### GRAPE VARIETY & PLOT SIZE

Grape variety: 100% Pinot Noir on a 0.77 hectare plot

#### TERROIR

This is one of the greatest terroirs in the Côte de Nuits. The vineyard is located on a fault overlooking the Clos Vougeot and bordering on the Combe d'Orveau. Le Musigny has southeast facing sun exposure and a unique, sunny microclimate.

The thin, light soil has a high proportion of stones that not only guarantee good drainage, but also store heat in the daytime and release it at night.

The grapes are always very ripe and produce a velvety nectar with lovely floral (violet) aromas and an impressively long aftertaste.

#### VINIFICATION & AGEING

The grapes were handpicked into small crates, then sorted and totally destemmed. The wine stayed on the skins for 17 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 2005

COLOUR: Beautiful, deep, intense reddish-black

NOSE: Fine and delicate, with fresh forest fruit and ripe black fruit aromas accompanied by subtle pepper and chocolate overtones

PALATE: Very distinguished, with fruity (black cherry, blackcurrant), toasty, and elegantly spicy flavours with chocolate and liquorice nuances

Fine, ripe, silky tannin on the aftertaste

