



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Volnay Clos des Santenots Premier 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 1.19 hectare plot

TERROIR

Located in the heart of Les Santenots du Milieu, with brown soil rich in magnesium on a layer of hard, rounded limestone.

Steep slope with perfect natural drainage. Situated in the middle of the slope facing due east.

VINIFICATION & AGEING

The grapes were handpicked into small crates, then sorted and totally destemmed. The wine stayed on the skins for 21 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: 18 months.

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in 2003

COLOUR: Very beautiful, intense ruby-red with purplish highlights

NOSE: Complex and very elegant, developing floral (violet) and chocolate notes with aeration

PALATE: Rich and full-bodied, with spicy, toasty, roasted and smoky flavours

Generous, elegant, silky tannin on the aftertaste



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