

DOMAINES

ALBERT  BICHOT

— MAISON FONDÉE EN 1831 —



Château-Grus

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

Nuits-Saint-Georges
LES TERRASSES

Located at the top of the plot, Chardonnay is planted in less than 2% of Nuits-Saint-Georges' vineyards and this wine proudly represents all that the Chardonnay grape can offer in the Côte de Nuits. Floral, honeyed aromas introduce lovely smoothness on the palate, supported by good structure. Barrel ageing lends well-integrated notes of oak to the long finish.

Surface area : 0.70 ha

Stock : 250 cases



Château-Gris

ALBERT BICHOT, PROPRIÉTAIRE

Burgundy at its most exclusive



The Château Gris castle was built in the 18th century in the middle of its 3.5 ha walled vineyard, giving this Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru vineyard its name. After the vines were destroyed by phylloxera, the roof of the castle was covered with grey slate although tiles are the traditional material used in Burgundy. The people of Nuits-Saint-Georges therefore began to refer to it as Château Gris (the grey castle) and the name stuck. Initially designated as "Les Crots" on the official list of Premier Crus, it has been authorized to bear the name Château Gris since 1920. For the record, "Crots" comes from the word creux and refers to a depression or hollow in the hillside.

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1^{er} Cru
MONOPOLE

Thanks to its geographical and topographical profile, this unique terroir yields wines that stand out for their finesse and elegance. Redolent of black fruit notes, this classy wine will charm you with its well-balanced minerality and powerful structure. Well-suited to cellaring, its aromatic complexity will continue to improve over time.

Surface area : 2.80 ha

Stock : 500 cases



ALBERT BICHOT'S ESTATES GIVE RENEWED PRESTIGE TO CHÂTEAU GRIS, A JEWEL NESTLED AT THE HEART OF BURGUNDY.

Faithful to its family heritage and values, the Bichot family has decided to put one of the Côte d'Or's flagship vineyards, located in the village of Nuits-Saint-Georges, back in the spotlight. Albéric Bichot, a 6th generation member of the family, explains what motivates him: "the entire world acknowledges the fact that Burgundy's magical terroirs are all unique. Considered by some as the reference for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, it would have been disrespectful not to showcase this "sleeping beauty" that is Château Gris:

- located between sky and earth, at mid-slope amid the vines
- an exceptional location for this 18th century castle whose history gave the vineyard its name
- unique terroirs producing both Pinot Noir for our Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru "Château Gris" and Chardonnay for our white Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Terrasses".

CHÂTEAU GRIS: BURGUNDY AT ITS RAREST

The property is surrounded by 1.2 km of dry stone walls that protect 3.5 ha of terraced vineyards - which are quite rare in Burgundy - planted with both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes. Reaching an altitude of 280 m, the vineyard boasts all of the elements that define the unique character of Burgundy's terroirs.

- Higher altitudes, where the contrast between hot daytime temperatures and cool nights is very pronounced, suits Pinot Noir particularly well. Whereas the forest on the plateau serves to protect the vines from wind and rain coming from the west, the sun's reflections on the walls provide warmth to the vines.
- The steep slope faces due east and naturally drains the soil to maintain the vines in a beneficial state of water stress. Eastern exposure guarantees that the vines receive as much sun as possible, which is important in Burgundy where the climate is continental.
- Finally, the clay-limestone soil is principally composed of a layer dating back to the Bathonian stage of the Middle Jurassic. In places, outcrops of the parent rock allow the vines' roots to penetrate deep down into the soil. On average, the vines are over 40 years old which allows the root system to get its nutrients from deep down in the soil.

