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BEST IN SHOW

**CLOS DE LA ROCHE GRAND CRU
2023**
Cuvée Cyrot Chaudron
Hospices de Beaune
97/100

"BEST IN SHOW" rewards the 50 most outstanding wines: a supreme distinction that represents only 0.3% of all wines tasted in the competition.



The chance to look at Grand Cru Burgundy in our judging process feels like an unusual luxury -- but our scrutiny takes into account the wine's eventual retail price band, and the consumer expectations that go with that. It's by no means a given that wines of this calibre will fetch up in our Best in Show selection. Three such red wines have made it to the Top 50 Best in Show in the past, but none since the 2020 DWWA. When we came to look at this Clos de la Roche, though, we felt that we had met a worthy wine and an outstanding example of the compelling appeal of the Côte de Nuits. It's dark, indeed almost opaque in colour, with a dense, tapestry-like weave of beguiling fruits. The palate is deep, searching and sumptuously fruited, too, with a rich inner glow that sensitive oak handling is shaping for the future. Best, if possible, to wait most of a decade in order to enjoy this bottle at its best; nonetheless the tannins are soft and plush enough to make early drinking over the next year or two a possibility here.



PLATINUM MEDAL

**CLOS-DE-VOUGEOT GRAND CRU
2023**
Domaine du Clos Frantin
97/100

A ravishing selection of mulberry, raspberry and cherry fruit festooned in a graphite, spicy pepper casing. Sleek and accomplished with a sumptuous texture, satin tannins and a timeless vibrance which endures way past the finish. True perfection.

