

Aloxe-Corton Premier Cru 2023



The Vineyard: Our Aloxe-Corton Premier Cru is a blend of 3 Premier Cru plots: *Les Vercots*, *Les Guérets*, situated South of the village, which give it its structure and its power, and *Les Valozières*, which has an Eastern aspect and is located just below the Grand Cru *Corton Les Bressandes*. This location contributes to adding all the subtlety necessary to produce a well-balanced, concentrated, deep wine.

Grape Variety: Pinot noir

Appellation: Premier Cru

Location: Aloxe-Corton

Age of the Vineyard: 46 years

Tasting notes: Very beautiful ruby hue. The nose is powerful and reveals rhubarb and cherry aromas. This Premier Cru offers a beautiful density and concentration that also emphasizes fruits in the mouth. The tannins are elegant and the wine has a great finesse.

Aging: Aged in barrels for 18 months (25% new oak barrels). This wine is made out of 2/3 Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} cru *Les Vercots* and 1/3 of Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} cru *Les Valozières*. Non-filtered.

Vintage: For Burgundy's winegrowers, the 2023 vintage proved to be very challenging. The harvest took place from 7th to 18th of September, under a very hot weather (30-35 °C). The summer was relatively cool, and the grapes barely ripened until a warm spell descended on the region as of August 30th (temperatures between 30° C and 35° C.) At first, we thought of postponing the beginning of the harvest in order to pick fully ripe grapes but after due consideration we moved up the date to avoid picking over-ripe grapes! Thus, we harvested very concentrated grapes. The work in the wine shed was strenuous because of the heat. We only used indigenous yeast to ferment our wines. We had to monitor the temperature in the vats very carefully to prevent the fermentation process from stopping and keep the freshness and acidity of the grapes.

Because of the concentration and full-bodiedness of the wine, maturation in the barrels took longer and we used more new oak than usual for our different cuvées. 2023 is a high-quality vintage with a good aging potential.