



BERTRAND ET AXELLE MACHARD DE GRAMONT

Nuits-Saint-Georges, 'Les Terrasses des Vallerot'

VINTAGE: 2017

GRAPE(S): Pinot Noir

COUNTRY: France

APPELLATION: Burgundy, Côte-de-Nuit, Nuits-Saint-George
AOP

VINEYARD: Les Terrasses des Vallerot

SUGAR: <2 g/L

ACIDITY: pH - N/A

ALCOHOL: 13 %

STYLE: Mineral, juicy and complex.

FOOD PAIRINGS: Fatty fish, mushrooms, rock of lamb.

THE DOMAINE: Moving back from Paris in 2004 to take over from her father Bertrand, Axelle has taken the wines to the next level at Bertrand et Axelle Machard Gramont. This beautiful, talented woman is the force behind her vines in Nuits-Saint-George and Vosne Romanée. Certified organic, her passionate approach to viticulture and wine making has made Axelle a trailblazer in Burgundy. We are thrilled to offer her full range of wines from Aligote and Bourgogne Rouge to her single vineyard Nuits-Saint-Georges-George and Vosne Romanée. These are wines to drink, to share, to cellar and will impress even the most experienced palette, as the proof of her love is in every glass.

VITICULTURE AND VINIFICATION: Vegan and organic. On the steps of Vallerots, 2ha plot planted in terraces in 2001 on a completely virgin soil, abandoned since phylloxera. From 16 year-old vines, grown on a clay limestone terroir. Before Axelle's father planted this 2 ha parcel, the land sat unplanted and untreated for several generations, whose terroir "vièrge" is reflected in the purity and freshness of this cuvée. Fruit is hand-harvested and sorted. 100% destemmed. Two weeks of fermentation then ageing in 228-liter used oak barrels for 18 – 20 months. Bottled unfinned, unfiltered, and minimal SO2 added. The wine is aged in barrel, 20% of which is new.

Nuits-Saint-Georges is a likeable and lively town with a centuries-old history of winemaking. It gives its name to the Côte de Nuits, and its patron saint, Saint Georges, gives his name to their most famous wine. Its AOC, which dates from September 1936, includes the commune of Premaux-Prissey in the appellation.

VINTAGE DETAILS: 2017 was an excellent vintage, for the most part, in the Côte d'Or and Côte Chalonnaise. First and foremost, the yields were excellent, with most of our growers reporting higher production than in recent years – 2017 is the largest harvest since 2009. Also, our growers had mostly positive things to say about the quality of the wines: many growers compared them to 2015s with a bit higher acidity. Hail was also not a big problem in 2017, sparing the often-hit zone around Meursault and Volnay. Only Morey St. Denis reported hail damage in the northern section of the village – both Ligniers reported a 15 to 30% reduction in affected parcels.

TASTING NOTE: Interesting and vivid stony minerality, juicy and lively red and dark fruit –very pretty and fresh with a tremendous energy ...floral and expressive. The clay-limestone soils with gravels produce a light, fresh wine with fine tannins.

PERSONAL NOTES: