

THORMAN HUNT

EST. WINE SHIPPERS 1978

Domaine Michel Gros, Vosne-Romanée

Fontaine St Martin Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits Rouge

Grower

The Gros family have been vigneron in the village of Vosne-Romanée since 1830. Michel inherited some magnificent parcels of vines and in 1997 the Ecard family entrusted Michel with the running of their 3.5 hectares in Vosne Romanée and Nuits-Saint-Georges. Michel now has 18 hectares under vine – half in the Côtes de Nuits and half in the Hautes Côtes. He ensures that yields are kept low, everything is hand-picked and there is a rigorous sorting prior to total destemming. He hasn't chaptalized for a number of years, preferring (only when necessary) to use a juice concentrator for a small percentage of the must. During fermentation, at a maximum of 32 degrees, he uses both pigeage and remontage to ensure a gentle extraction. Racking is kept to a minimum. He uses between 30% new oak, for the village wines and 50-80% for the 1er crus.

Vineyard

This hillside slope of 7 hectares, facing east-south-east like the Côte de Nuits, rises in tiers at an elevation between 350 and 390m. Michel planted 4 hectares in Pinot Noir between 1981 and 1986. The soil is made up of mixed limestone and marls from the Upper Oxfordian (Jurassic) Period. This geological stage is to be found again on the Hill of Corton situated 5 km to the south. This soil structure is commonly called "Marls of Pernand", from the name of the village of Pernand Vergelesses, located at the foot of the Hill of Corton.

Vinification

Traditional Burgundy vinification. During the first 6 months, these wines are kept in large oak barrels in a very old cellar located underneath Jean GROS's house. During the following 12 months, maturing continues in traditional barrels of 1 to 3 wines. Those barrels, which have stored higher ranked wines, give a little of the aromas of the previous wines. This technique improves the complexity of those cuvées.

Style

Wine of great purity with beautiful freshness and bursting with fruit. Seductive with silky tannic structure and lovely acidity.

Grape varieties:

100% Pinot Noir

Bottling options: 75cl

ABV: 12.5%

Closure: Cork

