THORMAN HUNT

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Domaine Michel Gros, Vosne-Romanée



Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Aux Brulées

Grower

The Gros family have been vignerons 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.

Vineyards

This parcel is located next to the GROS family parcel of RICHEBOURG in the north. The soil is very stony on a 30 to 35cm thickness, and the subsoil is made of hard limestone (similar to Prémeaux stones). This wine offers a great minerality; it is similar to Richebourg from which it is separated only by a 3m-wide lane. But the soil, which is not as thick as the Richebourg's, brings more softness to the tannins and makes it more rapidly accessible.

Vinification

Traditional vinification. Barrels eighteen-months. New oak barrels 50% to 70% depending on the vintage. Only one racking at the end of the malolactic fermentation, usually at the end of the winter following the harvest. When the wines are eighteen months old, the blending of the barrels of the same appellation is carried out. Wines filtered with egg white albumin.

Style

Rich, pure and concentrated, but also with remarkable freshness and balance. Well-accomplished maturity giving dazzling wines, with well-rounded tannins and exceptional concentration.

Grape varieties: 100% Pinot Noir Bottling options: 75cl ABV: 13% Closure: Cork

