

THORMAN HUNT

EST. WINE SHIPPERS 1978

Domaine Michel Gros, Vosne-Romanée

Fontaine St Martin Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits Blanc



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

The soil, which is mainly composed of marl in this area, is perfectly suitable for Chardonnay. The pruning used here is Guyot. It is located at an altitude reaching 360m to 380m, on so-called "Pernand marls". This geological stratum, that is also present in Pernand-Vergelesses and the hill of Corton, explains the similarity with wines from these vineyard areas, the altitude bringing a little more freshness.

Vinification

The grapes are de-stemmed, crushed and undergo skin-maceration in tank. After yeasting, begins alcoholic fermentation in temperature controlled tanks (max. 22°C). Transferring into casks when fermentation is partly complete. Fermentation continues in barrels at cellar temperature. 20% new oak. Lees stirring and topping up every 10 days (on average) until completion of malolactic fermentation. Midsummer the wine is blended in vats and filtered on Kieselgur on the day before bottling.

Style

Rich, pure and concentrated, with remarkable freshness and balance.

Grape varieties:

100% Chardonnay

Bottling options: 75cl

ABV: 13%

Closure: Cork

