CHÂTEAU DE LA CRÉE

Santenay
Premier Cru Les Gravières

2023



THE CLIMAT

Upon entering the Dheune Valley, the Côte de Beaune gradually slopes towards the south. Within the “Les Gravières” Climat, the vines are planted mid-slope, facing south. The soil is composed of marls and stone debris dating from the Upper Jurassic. On the higher part, where our Chardonnay vines are planted, the soil also contains white marls.

THE WINE

This wine is a beautiful expression of its vintage and Climat, “Les Gravières”. Its bouquet reveals aromas of citrus and white fruits, as well as notes of flowers and gunflint. Its bright and ample palate is elegantly balanced. It leads to a sapid and refreshing finish where mineral and citrus notes linger.

THE VINTAGE

The winter was mild, but the alternation of warm and cool periods slowed the vines’ growth cycle, thus budbreak was expected for late March - early April. As spring frost spared our vines, flowering began toward the end of May. A first heatwave came in early July, followed by a second one between August 10th and 25th, slightly delaying veraison. At the Château de la Crée, harvest started on September 3rd under summer conditions. 2023 marks the second consecutive vintage delivering both above-average yields and quality. The Chardonnay has reached optimal ripeness while preserving a lovely freshness. The Pinot Noir shows great aromatic structure.

VARIETAL	Chardonnay
HARVEST DATE	05/09/2023
BOTTLING DATE	18/03/2025
BARREL AGING	12 months
% NEW BARRELS	25%
ALCOHOL CONTENT	13,5%
YEAR OF PLANTING	2006-2020
PLOT SIZE	1.62ha
ALTITUDE	250m
ORIENTATION	South
CLASSIFICATION	Premier Cru
BOTTLES PRODUCED	10 081



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