CHÂTEAU DE LA CRÉE

Santenay
Premier Cru Les Gravières

2023

THE CLIMAT

Santenay is located south of the Route des Grands Crus. The appellation stretches across 330 hectares (including 126 hectares classified as Premier Cru) with a majority of Pinot Noir. “Les Gravières” Climat derives its name from its gravel and limestone sands from the Combe de Saint-Aubin. Greyish limestones occupy the high ground up to an altitude of 500 metres. Further down the slope : oolitic limestones, white oolite, marl and limestone nodules.

THE WINE

Its intense ruby robe indicates a wine of character. Its bouquet includes aromas of fresh red berries (redcurrant, cherry) as well as spicy and undergrowth notes. On the palate, the attack is direct, revealing supple tannins with crunchy red fruit. Its freshness imparts a lovely energy and remarkable length. A balanced, powerful and rich wine, which remains a delightful, easy drink.

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.

GRAND VIN DE BOURGOGNE

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VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
HARVEST DATE	06/09/2023-10/09/2023
BOTTLING DATE	20/05/2025
BARREL AGING	17 months
% NEW BARRELS	25%
ALCOHOL CONTENT	13,5%
YEAR OF PLANTING	1960-2005
PLOT SIZE	1ha
ALTITUDE	250m
ORIENTATION	South
CLASSIFICATION	Premier Cru
BOTTLES PRODUCED	3885

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