



CHÂTEAU DE LA CRÉE  
DEPUIS 1431



*Premier Cru*  
**SANTENAY**  
« GRAVIÈRES »

Appellation

Santenay is located right south to Chassagne Montrachet and is the most southern village of Burgundy famous "Cote D'or" ("Golden Coast") region. The etymology of Santenay is most probably connected to the word "Sanctus" which refers to a sacred place before Christian era. The appellation, 140 ha of planted vines, is composed of three areas, one next to Chassagne, one around the village and one just south of the village. It is today mainly a Pinot Noir planted appellation however the Chardonnay are revealing high potential there.

Vineyard

The Gravieres belongs to the area right next to Chassagne and has a southern to southern east exposure with an elevation of 230 to 260m. The word Gravieres refers in French to "Gravel" that we can find on all the parcels, going down from the upper part of the hill. The upper crust of the soil being dominated by clay while going toward more sand structure when digging deeper. Gravieres is perhaps the most prestigious parcel in Santenay.

Grape variety  
**Pinot Noir**

Age of the vines  
**20 years (0.40 ha) and 55 years**

Area  
**1.30 ha**

Date of harvest  
**28th of September 2016**

Ageing  
**16 months, 40% of new French oak**

Date of bottling  
**18th of June 2018**

Guard time  
**Ready to drink now until 2026 and more**

Characteristic

The wines of the 2016 vintage have been exhibiting a quality that was quite unexpected, given the difficult start to the year. Climate events in the spring took a severe toll on the harvest, which will no doubt be among the smallest of the past two decades. Fortunately, this has not stopped Chateau de la Créée making wines that will fully live up to the expectations of lovers of Burgundy. In the course of vinification, the qualitative potential was soon confirmed, with lovely balance, which will give the wines elegance, finesse and structure, for both reds and whites. This constitutes the signature of this vintage.

Wine-food pairing

Slow-cooked dishes like braised veal or beef, Glazed or caramelized poultry, Brie de Meaux, Pont-l'Evêque, Cîteaux...

Tasting note

Very Complex wine which is focusing on black fruits notes (such as blackberries) and minerality. A wine with vibrant acidity. The tannins are smooth and very well integrated. "Gravières" is renown for showing a strong

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Temperature  
**16°-18°**

texture and structure.

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