



Area : 8 ha

Average Age of the Vines : 35 years old

Average Annual Production : 20 000 bottles

Grape Variety : Pinot Noir

Localisation

The Hautes-Côtes vineyard was destroyed by Phylloxera between 1885 and 1900, as the rest of the French vineyard.

Contrary to the Côtes de Nuits vineyard which has been replanted very quickly, we had to wait for the beginning of the seventies to see the revival of this appellation, of which my father, Jean GROS, was one of the first initiators.

Our vineyard is located at Arcenant, a small village in the middle of the Meuzin valley, 7 km west of Nuits-Saint-Georges. It is situated on a south-east exposed slope at an altitude reaching 360m to 420m (it is almost 100m higher than the Côte vineyard). This difference in altitude imposes a later harvest than on the Côte (almost 8 days later).

The rows are planted at a 2,60m distance, and the trellising is 1,80m high. This kind of training allows a planting that follows the contour lines, thus creating a small terrace at every row.

The space between rows is turfed. The pruning system is the bilateral cordon pruning.

The soil and subsoil have 3 geological strata which are exactly the same as those we can find 100m lower in altitude in the Côte de Beaune in the vicinity of Aloxe-Corton.

This explains the strength and the masculine character characterizing these wines, as well as their excellent ageing qualities.

Vinification & Ageing

Traditional vinification. During the first 6 months, these wines are kept in large oak barrels in a very old cellar located underneath Jean GROS's house.

During the following 12 months, maturing continues in traditional barrels of 1 to 3 wines. Those barrels, which have stored higher ranked wines, give a little of the aromas of the previous wines. This technique improves the complexity of those cuvées.

