

# ALAIN MICHELOT BOURGOGNE ROUGE



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Of the domain's 20 acres, over 18 are in Nuits Saint Georges. The grapes are handpicked and sorted, and 90% are destalked. Vinification is long and slow. Cuvaion lasts 18-21 days. After pressing, the must settles for a good month (debourbage), then is transferred with the fine lees only to Allier and Limousin barrels. The quantity of new wood depends on the vintage, but is roughly a third. There is no racking for the next 20 months, resulting in very fine tannins. The wines are bottled filtered, but not fined.

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This is the northern half of Burgundy's famed Cote D'Or. It is home to perhaps the noblest expression of Pinot Noir; the minute yet palpable differences from single parcels of land were intuited by Cistercian monks who farmed the 'golden slope' for approximately two thousand years. From Corgoloin in the south, to Marsannay in the north, the finesse & complexity of the wines is at times both hauntingly beautiful & mind-boggling.

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## *Tasting Note:*

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