

# DOMAINE DE LA POUSSE D'OR SANTENAY 1ER CRU 'CLOS TAVANNES'



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Santenay Clos Tavannes from Domaine de la Pousse d'Or is produced from a parcel in Burgundy of 5.15 acres which was planted progressively between 1920 and 1998. The vineyard faces the east and the soil is made up of limestone and shales. The grapes are destemmed. Cold maceration for 7 days. Temperature controlled fermentation, treading twice a day. Vatting for 21 days. Maturing on the lees in oak barrels (20% new) for 15 months. Late natural malolactic fermentation, no fining, no filtration, racking and bottling by gravity.

Arguably the finest and most prestigious Burgundy house in Volnay, Domaine de la Pousse d'Or is a storied estate that has been in existence since the 1100s. Its modern renaissance began with Gerard Potel, an enormously talented wine-maker who ran it from the mid 1960's until his untimely death in 1997. At just that moment Patrick Landanger was looking to buy an estate in the south of France, and he jumped at the opportunity to acquire the legendary property. He immediately started acquiring more land, including parcels in Chambolle, Bonnes Mares and Clos de la Roche. He also undertook a top to bottom re-organization of the cellars, and moved toward organic and biodynamic practices in the vineyards. Today the estate is rightly considered one of the jewels of the Côte d'Or.

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