



## PHILIPPE LE HARDI CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU 2014

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Château Philippe le Hardi is one of the most important properties in Burgundy with vineyards across the Cotes d'or and Chalonnaise. The beautiful building is located in the village of Santenay and named after the nobleman who established Pinot Noir as the dominant red grape of Burgundy as we know it today. The château produces a wide variety of wines whose characteristics reflect the wide range of terroirs the region has to offer. The French

government recently intervened to prevent the estate from falling into the hands of foreign investors, thereby preserving a significant slice of local heritage. Since then an overhaul of the winery and winemaking team has lifted quality to new heights.

Clos Vougeot is one of the iconic vineyards of Burgundy, encircling the famous Chateau de Vougeot. For centuries this has been the spiritual heart of Burgundy. The largest of the grand cru vineyards, which slopes gently down to the Route Nationale, it contains a variety of clay, gravel and limestone soils; the former most dominant in the character of the wines.

The grapes are de-stemmed before a pre-fermentation cold soak for a week at 8-10°C. Fermentation is accompanied by daily pumping over and pigeage. The wine is then aged

for 18 months in French oak barrels.

**Grape:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Tasting Note:** A classic expression of the vineyard, this brilliant Pinot Noir doesn't disappoint. Full of rich dark cherry notes with a hint of liquorice and sloe. Notes of game and exotic spice emerge with air, and while the tannins are plentiful, they are ripe and approachable. A great red Burgundy.

**Food Match:** Ideal with braised lamb or roasted grouse.

**Closure:** Natural Cork

**Farming Practices:** Contains Sulfites

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