

DOMAINE DE L'ARLOT
NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

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OVERVIEW | Domaine de L'Arlot was created in 1987 by giant insurance company AXA. They appointed as their winemaker, Jean Pierre de Smet, who spent about eight years alongside Jacques Seysses of Domaine Dujac before taking over at Arlot. Smet retired in 2006 and his longtime technical director, Olivier Leriche is now in charge. In 1987 the vineyards were in poor condition and a great deal of replanting was necessary. Slowly, the quality of wines have come around and has been very strong since 1991. Today, 14 hectares are planted with Pinot Noir for the red wines, with about 5% devoted to Chardonnay and Pinot Gris for the whites. The oldest vines are about 50 years old, with the average age around 25. Since 2002 the Domaine has practiced 100% organic farming.

VINEYARD AREA: 14 hectares

TOP SITES: Clos des Forêts and Clos de L'Arlot

SOIL TYPES: Clay and Limestone

GRAPE VARIETIES: pinot noir, chardonnay, pinot gris

The Domaine has two premier cru Monopoles: Clos des Forêts Saint Georges (7 hectares) and Clos de L'Arlot (4 hectares). The Clos de L'Arlot also produces about 3,000 bottles of a rare white Nuits St. Georges. The Nuits St. George AC is made from the young Clos des Forêts vines, producing about 3,000 bottles. The Côte de Nuits Villages Clos du Chapeau is only about 3 hectares.

In 1991, the Domaine added a parcel of Romanée Saint Vivant to its holdings. The vines are located just in front of Romanée Conti. In 1992, Arlot purchased and produced Vosne Romanée les Suchots.

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | Farming has been organic since inception and many aspects of Biodynamie have been incorporated into the vineyard since 2000. They plough rather than use herbicides, use only home-made compost in the vineyards, and target yields of 35 hl/ha by green harvesting. Harvesting is by hand, triage at the vines and then again on the vibrating sorting table at the domaine. Unless there are issues over rot or ripeness, the domaine is one of the few that ferments using whole clusters - like Dujac and Domaine de la Romanée-Conti. The wines of Domaine de L'Arlot are aged in about one third new wood from the Allier forest and are bottled after 16-18 months for the premier crus, 14-15 months for the village wines. The reds are bottled unfiltered.

WINES |

Nuits-St.-Georges Blanc "La Gerbotte" - "La Gerbotte" is the name of the clos within the Arlot Cru where chardonnay and pinot gris are grown. A racy wine with good acidity, the rare Blanc Nuits St. Georges is somewhat lighter than many other white Burgundies. It has tropical fruit and exotic aromas, structured with a richness that is due in part to the small percentage (5%) of old Pinot Gris vines interspersed in the Clos de L'Arlot vineyard.

Nuits-St.-Georges Blanc "Clos de l'Arlot" 1er Cru - 100% old vine chardonnay.

Nuits-St.-Georges "les Petits Plets" 1er Cru - This is a cuvée made from the younger vines (15-20 years old) of Clos des Forêts. It is more accessible in its youth, yet shows the breed of this terrific vineyard.

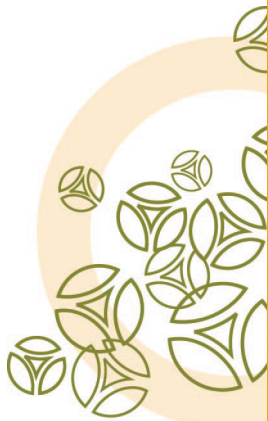
Côtes de Nuits-Villages "Clos du Chapeau" - This wine used to be labeled simply 'Cotes de Nuits-Villages.'

Nuits-St.-Georges "Le Petit Arlot" - Made from young vines in the Clos de l'Arlot.

Nuits-St.-Georges "Clos de l'Arlot" 1er Cru - The Nuits St. Georges "Clos de L'Arlot" produces a wine fairly light in color but not in flavor. The wine has a smoky, plummy nose. It is rich and soft on the palate, and benefits from cellaring.

Nuits-St.-Georges "Clos des Forets" 1er Cru - This monopole is a wonderful 1er cru located just north of Premeaux. The old vines produce a deeply colored and aromatic wine, with hints of plums & chocolate. It has real concentration and length with a meaty, silky texture.

Vosne Romanee "Les Suchots" 1er Cru - The superbly situated "Les Suchots" is surrounded on three sides by Grand Crus in the commune of Vosne, whose vineyards have long been considered among Burgundy's best. From vines ranging in age from 15-50 years, the wine is richly flavored with a silky texture.


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