

**The most « Burgundian » of the Sancerre reds...
This plot-based cuvée transcends the Pinot noir
in notes of blackberries, spices and chocolate,
supported by a delicate tannic structure.**

SANCERRE ROUGE PARCELLAIRE « Le Graveron »

TERROIR: Kimmeridgian marls

BEST SERVED AT: 16-17°C (60-62°F)

AGEING POTENTIAL: over 10 years

VITICULTURE & TERROIR

- Vines planted in **1997** on a **1ha30** plot at the top of La Côte des Monts Damnés (Chavignol) on a rich terroir of **Kimmeridgian marls**
- Regular tasting of the berries on the plot to define the beginning of the harvest
- **Harvested by hand**, in boxes of 10-12kg to avoid crushing the **Pinot noir** berries

WINEMAKING

- Optical sorting of the grapes and transfer by gravity into **oak vats** for a **maceration of 4 to 6 days** with **daily pumping over**
- Alcoholic **fermentation** for **8 to 10 days** in the same vats
- The temperature does not exceed 25°C/77°F to guarantee the best quality of the fruit
- **Two manual pump-overs and one manual punching** of the cap every day until mid-fermentation
- At the end of the fermentation, the wine is **racked by gravity and aerated**, then kept at low temperature in **stainless steel tanks** until Spring, before a **malolactic fermentation in new or «one wine» barrels**
- Aged in **barrels** (228L and 615L) for **10 months**, then racked into stainless steel tanks with a floating cap to develop the harmony of the wine before being bottled 5 to 6 months later

TASTING

- Eye** Ruby with garnet reflections
- Nose** Black fruits, fresh caramel, chocolate and spices
- Palate** A fresh opening and silky tannins, smooth palate with a finale on red fruit and chocolate

A complex nose composed of notes of small black fruits and caramel. In the mouth, the wine opens with intense notes of red fruits (blackberries), chocolate and spices. The attack is fresh; the fine and silky tannins give fatness to this wine which presents a lace-like structure. An unctuous whole, with a brilliant finish on notes of red fruits and chocolate.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2015	Wine Spectator	90 pts
2015	Wine Advocate	92 pts
2015	The World Of Fine Wine	93 pts
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2014	The Wine Doctor	94 pts
2014	Wine Enthusiast	90 pts

