

2023 MERCUREY PREMIER CRU "LE CLOS DU ROY"

WINERY

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INE FAIVELEY, PROPRIÉTAIRE-RÉCOLTANT À NUITS-SAINT-GI

VINEYARD

Wine runs deep in the Faiveley family's blood, as they have been deeply rooted in Bourgogne, its history, and its culture for almost two centuries now. Their values have remained unchanged over the last seven generations and are based on a deep attachment to the Bourgogne region, an instinctive passion for the terroirs, and an innate respect for man and his work. Today they are one of the largest owners in Burgundy, with holdings spreading from the Côte de Nuits to the Côte Chalonnaise, featuring polished, collectible reds and whites with exceptionally high ratings.

WINE

This small parcel, known as a 'clos', formerly belonged to the Kings of France. It was considered one of the appellation's best parcels and was purchased by the Faiveley family in 1971. This wine could be compared to a Côte de Nuits village in terms of its delicate tannins and length on the palate.

VINEYARDS

Plot - 2.54 ha

VINTAGE NOTES

Winter 2023 was mild and dry, with no rain for five weeks from late January to early March. Rain returned in March, followed by heavy downpours in April and May. To guard against frost, the team pruned in two stages, in January and late March. Frosts on March 27 and April 3 had little impact due to the dry cold, though a few early parcels in the Côte Chalonnaise were affected. Budburst was slightly delayed, with Chardonnay around April 12 and Pinot Noir around April 20. Warm weather in early June led to rapid flowering and abundant fruit. Green harvesting in July reduced yields by about 30% in the Côte de Nuits. Minor hailstorms in mid-July caused limited damage. August's varied temperatures aided ripening. Harvest occurred during a heatwave, yielding healthy, aromatic grapes. This was the estate's second fully organic season, with certification expected in 2025.

WINEMAKING

The wines are pumped over twice daily in order to extract color, tannins and aromas from the skin of the grapes. After a 15 to 19 day vatting period, the alcoholic fermentation is complete. The free-run wine is run off using a gravity system whilst the marc is pressed slowly and gently in order to extract an exceptionally pure press wine.

TASTING NOTES

The nose exudes small red fruits combined with notes of oak and spice. The palate offers good balance, rich aromas and delicate tannins resulting in a very distinctive wine with exceptional aromatic persistencey.

Region:	Bourgogne
Sub-Region:	Côte Chalonnaise
Appellation:	Mercurey, Premier Cru, AOP
Climat:	Le Clos du Roy
Soil:	Clay-limestone, white marls
Age/Exposure:	Planted 1971, 1982 South, Southwest
Eco-Practices:	Organic Farming
Certifications:	Certified Organic beginning with the 2025 vintage

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Pinot Noir	
Aging:	15 months in French oak barrels, 30% new oak	
TECHNICAL DETAILS		

Alcohol:

13.5%



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