

Romanée Saint Vivant 2001

Grand Cru

The Style of the Wine

It is always a privilege to taste a Romanée Saint Vivant. It is a rare emotion born from being close to a masterpiece of nature and man. It has a sumptuous, imposing appearance and is a bright ruby colour. The bouquet has a radiant richness passing from black cherries to raspberry jelly and blackberry cordial with violets. With age it develops notes of undergrowth and leather. This immense wine has expressive intensity and depth. It is smooth but not flabby, silky but structured, dense but elegant. Everything mingles and links together to create sublime complexity.

The Terroir

The vineyard of Romanée Saint Vivant is wonderfully located, with only a road separating it from the Romanée-Conti. It has fabulously generous earth on sublime ground whose mixture of clay and limestone makes one of the greatest reds in the world.

Discover more

- A long history: founded in 1098, the abbey of Citeaux has made a lengthy contribution to the extension of vines in Burgundy. The monks of Saint-Vivant de Vergy were very much involved in this, so much so that a vineyard in the Côte de Nuits was named after them.
- Some oak but not too much: despite or because of its Grand Cru status, for the Romanée Saint Vivant, the use of new oak during élevage remains very moderate: 30% to 50%. Oak helps define the structure of the wine while also contributing some discreet spicy notes.
- Up until 1990, this vineyard was in the hands of a single winemaker from of the village of Aloxe-Corton. The first vintage of this wine to be produced by Domaine de l'Arlot was 1991.



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The Weather

What strong contrasts there were with the weather : a rainy winter, a spring and beginning of summer which were damp and cold, and three weeks of hot weather in August. A lovely Indian summer ensured that the quality of the harvest was good.

The Harvest

It was quite late and took place between September 24th and 30th with cold nights and lovely sun during the day.

The Grapes

Rigorous sorting meant that the grapes that were brought back to the winery were perfectly healthy. It must be pointed out that yields were very low for vines hit by hail in May.