

DOMAINE PHILIPPE GAVIGNET Bourgogne Chardonnay

The style of Gavignet Burgundy "brings back" the profound elegance of Pinot Noir to Nuits-Saint-Georges, an appellation often known for more tannic (and less balanced) wines. Gavignet wines are solid proof that Nuits has the terroir to produce elegant Burgundy but that it requires a conscientious winemaker such as Philippe to craft it. What first attracted us to this fourth-generation estate nearly more than 20 years ago was the impressive pedigree of Gavignet's vineyards in Nuits. What you'll discover with his selections are some of Nuits' most expressive, very-old-vine terroirs, with vines planted as far back as the 1920s.

WINERY: Domaine Philippe Gavignet **WINEMAKER:** Philippe Gavignet

ESTABLISHED: 1930s

REGION: FRANCE • Burgundy • Nuits-Saint-Georges

APPELLATION: Bourgogne AOC **BLEND:** 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARDS: Estate vines total nearly three acres of land on the eastern side of the RN74, across from vineyard 'Les Maladières' in Nuits-Saint-Georges. Soils represent a wide range of types, with marne and limestone, white and gray clay, fairly rich and deep.

AGE OF VINES: 30 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Pressed full cluster; fermented on indigenous yeasts half in stainless-steel tank and half in 350L French oak barrels. Aged in tank and barrel for one year. Unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of yellow fruit, citrus zest, crushed stones. Good balance of texture, flesh and acidity.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: As an aperitif; chicken in cream sauce; fresh river fish

