

DOMAINE PHILIPPE GAVIGNET Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Les Argillats'

The style of Gavignet Burgundy "brings back" the profound elegance of Pinot Noir to Nuits-Saint-Georges, an appellation often known for more structured, meaty 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 now fifth-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: Nuits-Saint-Georges AOC

BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS: Estate vines located in 'Les Argillats,' which sits at the forest line above Nuits' premier cru row, on the side of the village that borders Vosne-Romanée. Soils are brown limestone with lots of gravel; marl subsoils.

AGE OF VINES: 60 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Cold maceration for nine to 10 days; fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled tanks. Aged in barrel (one-third new oak) for 15 months. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of black fruits, minerals, purple flowers.

Persistent and deep, with silky tannins; a long, spiced finish.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Pork sausages; roasted lamb with herbs

