

## DOMAINE PHILIPPE GAVIGNET Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru 'Aux Bousselots'

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 (just under two acres) in this premier cru are found to the north of the village. Soils combine brown limestone with abundant white, chalky stones; the top soil is loamy and fertile, a legacy of glacial runoff from the valley that feeds into the village.

AGE OF VINES: 70 years, on average

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Cold macerated for nine to 10 days; fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled tanks. Aged in barrel (30% new oak) for 16 months. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of poached black cherries, dusty chocolate,

peppers. Silky tannins; very long.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled steak; wild boar sausages

