

DOMAINE PHILIPPE GAVIGNET Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits 'Clos des Dames Huguette'

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:** Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits AOC

BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS: Estate vines in 'Clos des Dames Huguette,' a broad vineyard area situated on a plateau directly above Nuits in the Hautes-Côtes, sit between 1,050 and 1,200 feet in altitude. Soils combine limestone and clay with marl, similar to Nuits vineyards, yet topsoil here is thinner.

AGE OF VINES: 20 to 50 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Cold macerated for one week; fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled tanks. Aged in barrel (15% new oak) for 14 months. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of poached cranberries, cherries and colored peppers. Smooth tannins; medium-bodied, with good spice.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Roasted chicken with herbs; pork sausages

