

## **DOMAINE DU COUVENT** Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru 'Aux Murgers'

The Chéron family's history in Burgundy started with an auspicious purchase in the 1930s: a few rows of Pinot Noir in Clos du Vougeot. Today winemaker Philippe Chéron still tends the same vines that his savvy grandfather acquired, plus some 25 acres of prime vineyard land in the Côte de Nuits. Philippe calls himself a "winemaker in the service of vineyards," and it's more than clear that each precious bottle from this small estate puts terroir center stage. Farmed organically, Philippe's wines—including three monopole vineyards in Gevrey—are a very exciting discovery in red Burgundy.

WINERY: Domaine du Couvent WINEMAKER: Philippe Chéron ESTABLISHED: 1930 (refounded 2020) REGION: FRANCE • Burgundy • Gevrey-Chambertin APPELLATION: Nuits-Saint-Georges AOC BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir

**VINEYARDS:** Estate vines total just over a half-acre in this premier cru, facing east on a gentle slope, on the Vosne side of Nuits-Saint-Georges. Winemaker Philippe Cheron's grandfather purchased this small parcel in 1939; yet it is only back in family hands as of the 2021 vintage, after decades of being rented. Soils are very stony, with subsoils of clay and limestone.

AGE OF VINES: 40 to 60 years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Full cluster; fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled cement tanks; aged in French oak barrels (30% new oak) for 15 months.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of black cherries, earth, incense, cigar box. Medium-bodied, structured tannins. Black plums and cherries.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Red meat, game dishes, roasted duck



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