AP WINE IMPORTS

DOMAINE GEORGES CHICOTOT

Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Charmottes

The Estate: The Chicotot family has been rooted in Nuits-Saint-Georges for ten generations; the domaine dates from 1678. Today the 7-hectare estate is run by Pascale Chicotot and son Clement, crafting elegant, terroir-driven wines from vines 60-80 years old with minimal new oak and native yeast fermentation.

Location: Les Charmottes, Nuits-Saint-Georges, Burgundy, France. In the Burgundian dialect, Charmottes (or charmes) refers to fallow land.

Soil: Deep, chalky soils

Vines: Organic. Only natural methods have been used for several generations: no herbicides, grass grown between the rows, vines hard-pruned for modest yields.

Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir

Vinification: Pre-fermentation maceration of 5-6 days, then fermentation over about 15 days without added yeast. Cap-punching and pumping over are carried out as necessary to preserve the wine's elegance without excessive extraction. Pneumatic pressing, then several days in vats.

Aging: Racked off by gravity, with the proportion of new barrels no greater than 25%.

Tasting Notes: Intense, with elegant tannins, floral notes (peonies and violets) and luscious accents of red berries. Frank and pleasant.

Food Pairing: Roast meats such as lamb or pork, game bird, or a selection of soft cheeses.

