

## **Dufouleur Frères "Les Saint-Georges" Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru**

Winery: Dufouleur Frères Category: Wine – Still – Red Grape Variety: Pinot Noir

**Region:** Côte de Nuits/ Bourgogne / France **Vineyard:** AOC Nuits-Saint-Georges 1<sup>er</sup> Cru

Winery established: 1932



## **Product Information**

**Soil**: Mix of limestone and clay **Elevation**: 250 meters (1,150 feet) **Age of vines**: 80 years and older

Vinification: The vineyards are managed in an approach that is fully respectful of the environment, recognized by the High Environmental Value (HVE) level 3 certification (the highest). After meticulous sorting, both during harvest and at the arrival in the winery, the grapes are destemmed and put in the tank using elevators. This is essential in order to avoid crushing the fruit too early and in order to maintain absolute freshness. A cold prefermentation maceration phase allows the gentle extraction of tannins and aromas before the appearance of alcohol. Pigeage and pumping over are decided on a case by case basis to obtain an optimal balance guaranteeing integration and beautiful harmony.

Ageing lasts 12 to 18 months in French oak barrels of various capacities, ages and origins in order to control the impact of the wood as much as possible and to allow a good expression of the nuances of the appellation. Minimal racking is performed during the initial 2 to 3 months of aging which allows the wines to develop naturally and achieve complexity and depth.

**Tasting Note:** "Les Saint-Georges" is the most famous climat of the Nuits-Saint-Georges appellation, so much so that its name was added to that of the city in the 19th century. Ideally located in the middle of the slope with a due East exposure, Pinot Noir expresses the best of its potential here. The Dufouleur plot, located in the heart of the climate, is planted with very old vines from massal selection, producing small, well-ventilated and concentrated bunches. The result is a masterful expression of this great limestone terroir. This is a wine that is built to age, after a few years in bottle it offers all its radiance.

**Alc:** 14.00 %

## **Producer Information**

The Dufouleur "Château" is one of the most prominent buildings, on the left just as you leave the center of Nuits-Saint-Georges driving north to Vosne-Romanée. Since 2006, son François-Xavier Dufouleur and cousin Marc have taken over the reins of the winery, with Marc in charge of vinification, fully taking over with the 2012 harvest. A new cellar for barrel aging was set up under the Château in 2015 and it is quite impressive. "We practice sustainable cultivation by ploughing the soil, avoiding any fertilizer or herbicide, fighting natural enemies (mildew, odium, botrytis...) with as many organic measures as possible"