

## CUVÉE LES PETITS PLETS

Nuits Saint Georges 1er Cru

2014



### THE STYLE OF THE WINE

Made from the youngest vines of the Clos des Forêts Saint Georges, it already reveals the strength and elegance of the terroir it comes from, but with a sensual pleasure and tenderness of its own. It reveals aromas which are certainly not lacking in brightness and distinction. As is typical of the terroir they come from, the tannins are quite present and contribute to the volume and the dense, fleshy texture in the mouth. As a whole it is precise, full and energetic.

### THE TERROIR

This wine comes from the youngest vines of the Clos des Forêts Saint Georges. They are now over 20 years old as they were planted in 1987, 1988 and 1989. They are inside the Clos des Forêts, in the lower part. The name "Petits Plets" featured on ancient maps of vineyards dating from the 1880s. At that time this name was used by wine-growers to designate the least sloping part of their plots.

### DISCOVER MORE

Yields are kept relatively low despite the vigour of these young vines, notably by using an original "fan-shaped" method of pruning, which is halfway between the "taille" Guyot method of pruning and the "cordon de Royat" method.

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TASTING NOTE

Deep purple colour and an expressive bouquet of black fruit, cherry and peony. Good structure on the palate with plenty of power and firm tannins.

THE WEATHER

The warm, dry spring came early this year, bringing budburst forward, followed by flowering in June. The cool, damp summer was then made up for by ideal conditions in September to ripen off the grapes nicely.

THE HARVEST

We brought in this year's harvest in two phases in order to make the most of the excellent ripening conditions. The grapes for the white wines were picked on 11 and 12 September. After a two-day break, we harvested the reds from 15 to 20 September.

THE GRAPES

September boosted the concentration of the grapes in sugar, aromas and tannins, making for a vintage with lots of fruit flavours. The harvest was reasonably good, although slightly smaller than average with a yield just below the 30hl/ha mark.

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