

BURGUNDY: THE 61ST WINE AUCTION OF THE DOMAINE DES HOSPICES DE NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2022.

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The 61st Hospices de Nuits-Saint-Georges Wine Auction will be held on Sunday March 20, 2022. The 2021 harvest is composed of 109 pièces of wine for sale divided into 18 different cuvées whose purity and balance promise a great aging capacity typical of such a Burgundian vintage. The auction will take place at 2:30PM at Château du Clos de Vougeot as is the tradition, and will be broadcast live on www.interencheres.com.

A 2021 VINTAGE 'IN PRAISE OF THE TYPICITY OF BURGUNDY'

"After a series of sunny vintages starting in 2018, the 2021 vintage at Domaine des Hospices de Nuits-Saint-Georges has seen a return to pure Burgundy tradition: perfect balance, clear typicity, small yield wines, and incredible balance," says Jean Marc Moron, Technical Manager of this estate, with its 13 hectares of vineyards. "Growth was long and difficult, but at the beginning of summer the vines began growing at an incredible speed, completely making up for the slow development in the spring. The good weather that set in mid-July held in check diseases like downy and powdery mildew, resulting in early veraison, when the grapes change color. This meant we were able to bring the harvest date forward to September 17. The grapes were healthy and beautifully ripe, with practically perfect acidity/alcohol balances. Once in the vat, we only needed six or seven days of maceration before starting fermentation using nothing but indigenous yeasts. Very little cap punching and just a few pumping over sessions were required to reveal the finesse, the elegance, and the fruit for certain wines, and restraint and power for others, depending on the different Nuits-Saint-Georges terroirs."



ONLY ONE PIÈCE OF WHITE WINE AND 108 PIÈCES OF RED WINE UNDER THE HAMMER

First tastings show a lovely ruby red color between raspberry and cherry, and a wide aromatic palette, with good structure and texture. The wines express the specificity of Burgundy: a huge diversity of Nuits-Saint-Georges crus in a small area, with the distinct identity of each parcel perceptible as in previous years. The common theme in 2021 is great purity and balance. All the wines of the Domaine des Hospices de Nuits-Saint-Georges hold the promise of great ageing ability, with superb freshness, an abundance of fruit, and great balance. The cuvées are following in the tradition of the great cellaring vintages. At the Domaine des Hospices de Nuits-Saint-Georges, the vagaries of the climate in 2021 had little effect in the end on the identity of the wines which draw on parcels planted more than 40 years ago. This 2021 vintage favors quality over quantity: the 2021 harvest is composed of 109 pièces of wine for sale, including one single pièce of white wine.

The official press conference will be held on February 8 in the vat room at the Domaine des Hospices de Nuits-Saint-Georges.

ABOUT DOMAINE DES HOSPICES DE NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

The Hospices de Nuits-Saint-Georges is a winemaking-hospital founded in 1270, two centuries before its illustrious neighbor, the Hospices de Beaune (founded in 1443). Less known but as prestigious as this one, the Hospices de Nuits-Saint-Georges works exactly the same way, combining a medical activity and a prestigious wine estate. This vineyard spread over 13 hectares around the town of Nuits-Saint-Georges also sells all its harvest at auction. The following appellations are on sale: Nuits-Saint-Georges (village), Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru and Gevrey-Chambertin (village).

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