

Beaune Les Grèves

Vigne de L'Enfant Jésus 2023

Premier Cru



Acquisition: 1791

The name *Vigne de l'Enfant Jésus* stems from an old legend. Marguerite du Saint Sacrement, the Carmelite nun who founded the order of the Domestiques de la famille du Saint Enfant Jésus, supposedly predicted the birth of Louis XIV, King of France, despite the fact his mother, Anne of Austria, couldn't have children. When the future Sun King was born, this exceptional vineyard owned by the Carmelites was named Vigne de l'Enfant Jésus (Vineyard of the Christ Child).

Tasting Profile

Colour

Vivid without being too intense.

Nose

Reveals a unique blend of aromas combining very ripe black and red fruit tinged with subtle fresh leather notes.

Mouth

Displays the same aromas of fruit and leather combined with notes of wood and spice. The attack remains very fresh, offering great intensity, leading to a remarkably silky and soft finish.

The silky quality lingers mingling with a vibration that distinguishes this unique wine from all others.

This fruitiness, the silky texture, and hints of fresh leather truly embody the essence of the terroir.

Alluring in its early years, it retains its fruity freshness, silkiness and balance for years, and even decades.

Expertise

Harvest: September 4-7 & 8, 2023

It is among our first plots harvested each year. Hand-harvested in 13kg crates, the grapes are then meticulously sorted by our teams.

Vinification

Cold maceration at the outset of vatting for a few days, followed by fermentation and extraction with treading. Daily monitoring of progress through tasting and musts analysis. Devatting after 18 to 20 days. Vertical press.

Ageing in barrel

20 months in French oak barrels. 40% of new barrels. The remainder consists of previously used barrels. Manual racking to blend the different subparcels when ageing is complete.

Maturation

The bottles are preserved in optimal conditions in underground cellars until they are released for sale.



Winemaker's notes

Respecting the best maturity for each subplot is crucial. Analyzing the development of each of these subplots, year after year, helps us gain a deeper understanding and adjust our winemaking methods to their characteristics.



Pinot Noir



7 to 10 years or more
Ageing potential



17°C and 18°C
Serving temperature

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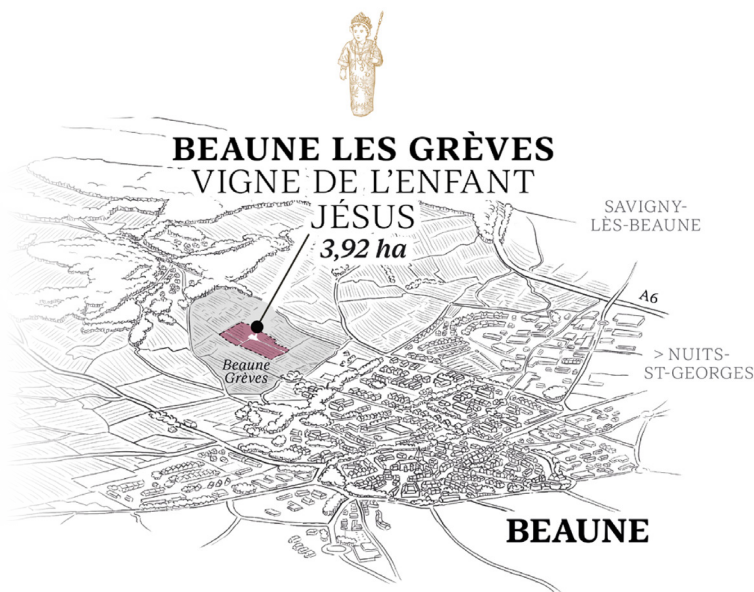


The plot

With its 3,92 ha, it is clear why we have identified subplots to adapt how we tend our vines. La cabotte, at the very heart of the plot, is the reference point for the expression of each subplot.

Behind the house, where the slope is steeper and the soil thinner, we harvest whole bunches. Below the house, on a more clayey soil, the initial expression is one of richness, generosity and depth.

Each subplot is vinified and aged individually, increasing the complexity of the blend and showcasing the qualities of each specific location.



Ongoing organic certification
and biodynamic conversion



East / South-East
Exposure



3,92 ha / 32 ha
Surface area

Soil

Loose limestone rock, very gravelly soil, almost sandy, preserving the vines from water stress.

With a bedrock depth of 70/80 cm, roots penetrate deep into the subsoil, embedding themselves in underground cracks.

Mid-slope location: ideal setting for a perfectly balanced soil (avoiding both excess moisture and excessive dryness). With a 15% slope, the rainfall from the hillside nourishes the soil and trickles without stagnation.



Calcareous
clay and sand

240m alt.



15%

Slope

Influence on the wine

This perfectly balanced soil, with its abundance of small limestone rocks, expresses all the finesse of the Grèves terroir.

The terraces further up the slope are marked, separated by low walls, and the colours of the soils reflect a higher limestone content, often resulting in less fleshy, at times slightly more astringent tannins. The truly ideal location of the Beaune Grèves Vigne de l'Enfant Jésus translates into a delicacy, and silkiness that set it apart from other Grèves wines. Just like its soil, it is always light, balanced but also very complex.

