

# Clos Saint-Philibert



## Appellation

White Hautes Côtes de Nuits

## Tasting

Thanks to its originality, this very generous wine avoids the generic characteristics of its appellation. Its rich and often tropical aromas, its freshness and mineral character are remarkable.

## Keeping

When this wine is young, its nose is captivating and well developed, whereas the palate is less pronounced, still marked by the acidity. We would advise a few years of ageing for this wine to achieve a perfect balance.

## Maturing

Once the alcoholic fermentation is finished, the maturing process is both slow and fast at the same time: the wine expresses itself quickly, but in order to preserve its richness, it is important not to rush the bottling. Indeed, we do not filter this wine (which is uncommon for a white) and it therefore needs time to fall clear.

## Vinification

Traditional, since the alcoholic fermentation takes place in casks with regular 'bâtonnages'. The fermentation is carried out slowly in order to favour the richness of the wine.

## Vines

Planted at the beginning of the 90s, the vines are now well rooted and must dig down deep in order to go in search of its nutrients. The growth cycle is longer, beginning at the same time or even earlier, but the maturation is longer, and the harvest takes place a few days later compared with the vines of the 'Côte'. The grapes we pick here are always very ripe, but with a high degree of natural acidity. The level of alcohol remains reasonable, as the grapes generally contain from 12° to 12.5° potential alcohol, which in the end produces a fresh, easy-to-drink wine.

## Surface area, situation & orientation

Situated about 330 yards from Échezeaux, still on the territory of Flagey-Échezeaux at an altitude of over 1,200 feet, we have always thought it has a dream orientation: gently sloping and slanting east/south-east, poor soil...Of course, the altitude is higher (about 390 - 425 feet above the village of Vosne), but a carpet of stones encourages reverberation. The total surface area is nearly 9 acres.