



Gervais & Vine Wine Club

Tasting Notes

1998 Louis Jadot
Nuits-Saint-Georges
Burgundy, France

You can't begin to talk about Burgundy without talking about one of the most prolific and long-lived negociants (see the learn the term card) in all of Burgundy: Maison Louis Jadot. (read House of Louis Jadot). Jadot has been around for over 150 years producing fantastic wines from all over Burgundy. They have adopted many policies and practices that allow them to continually create exceptional wine every year. This includes "replies", which is the practice of taking a percentage from a higher appellation and incorporating it into a wine bearing the appellation below it. This ensures that all Jadot wine is of superior quality. They also blend from the best cuvees that have been selected from each region to create a single blend that maintains consistent quality and character every year, throughout the world.

Now that you know some of the reasons why we picked this wine, let's learn a little about it. Nuits-Saint-Georges is the southernmost commune in the Cotes de Nuits. It stands on an ancient Gallo-Roman villa which covered approximately 25 acres. The name Nuits comes from the Latin word "nutium" which if you know derivations of words is "noyer" or "walnut tree"—which were grown in abundance in the area until the French got smart and realized they could make more money with wine. Most of the traditional vineyards have been under the vine for almost a thousand years.

This wine is fairly full-bodied and tannic, unlike the wines from the northern Cote de Nuits. It is richly colored in hues of red, such as brick and garnet with nice, ripe flavors of cherry and hints of toasted oak in the nose. A touch of earth rounds out the bouquet. Firm tannins give this Nuits-Saint-Georges the ability to age for up to 10 years. We know that we always say drink these wines quickly, but please allow us one exception. It is not often that we can put a truly age worthy wine in the wine bag. If you have the patience, hang onto this one at least until next year and you will surely be rewarded. If you can't wait, you'll still enjoy it thoroughly.

Wine Club \$39.99