

## POMMARD

PREMIER CRU

Les Rugiens - Bas



## **KNOW-HOW**

Grape variety :	100% Pinot Noir
Surface:	30 ares
Terroir :	Oxfordian marls, brown calcareous limestone soil, iron oxide-loaded
Vines:	On hillsides with a gentle slope, east exposure, 35 years old
Viticulture :	Guyot pruning style, mechanical soils labour, sustainable pratices
Harvest:	Manual in full baskets, sorted in the vineyard & also on sorting table at the winery
Winemaking	30% de-stemming (depending on the vintage), i.e. 70% stems in vats
	Transfer to concrete vats (without sulfiting), followed by crushing
	Cold pre-fermentary maceration at 10-12°C with 2 pump-overs/day (3-6 days)
	Alcoholic fermentation with indigenous yeasts in open vats
	1 pigeage and 1 pumping over daily, with limited pigeages for greater finesse
	Vatting lasts between 20 and 25 days before transfer to barrels
	Malolactic fermentation in barrels
Aging on lees :	> 1 year in French oak barrels ( 35% new light toast barrels from Chassin)
	Racking of barrels with light filtration Kieselguhr before bottling

## **TASTING NOTES**

With its mauve tints, the robe is a deep, dark purple-red. Rich and complex bouquet with black fruit aromas of blackcurrant, raw cocoa and peppery notes. With aeration, it develops floral and menthol touches.

Rich, distinguished and powerful. A bit spicy, with undergrowth notes combining black truffle and earth, also a hint of animal. The tannic structure offers density, firmness and a persistent length. The finish brings freshness, smoky notes, often tending towards liquorice. This is undoubtedly a great wine, racy and complete!

**POTENTIAL:** Between 10 and 20 years, it has a very long life and will become even better with age.

**FOOD PAIRINGS:** Serve at 15-17°C in fine Burgundy glasses, best decanted 2 hours before serving to bring out its full potential, especially when young.

This grand vin honours dishes with character: duck, venison and game, served with mushrooms, morels and ceps, poultry stews or lamb with garlic and herbs. It naturally enjoys the company of strong-flavoured cheeses such as Epoisses, Langres, Soumaintrain and an old Comté.

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