

# DOMAINE JACQUES GIRARDIN

## SANTENAY 1ER CRU « CLOS ROUSSEAU »



The entire Girardin family are renowned winemakers, including Jacques' father Jean, and his well-known brother, Vincent. Jacques has been producing wine from his own domaine since 1978. Located in Santenay, the 17-hectare Domaine Jacques Girardin produces a range of red and white wines, featuring 1er Cru sites in Santenay, Savigny-lès-Beaune and Chassagne-Montrachet and an exceptional old vines Bourgogne Pinot Noir. The domaine is run by Jacques and his wife, Valerie. Their son, Justin, has recently joined the domaine after working in vineyards in Australia. He brings a modern sensibility to this very traditional Burgundian estate.

<b>Region:</b>	Burgundy
<b>Appellation:</b>	Santenay 1 <sup>er</sup> Cru
<b>Owner:</b>	Jacques and Valerie Girardin, Justin Girardin
<b>Established:</b>	1570
<b>Farming Practices:</b>	Sustainable
<b>Vineyard:</b>	1.92 ha
<b>Soil:</b>	Limestone and marl.
<b>Grape Varieties:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Avg. Age of Vines:</b>	45 years
<b>Yield/Hectare:</b>	42 hl/ha
<b>Avg. Production:</b>	11,000 bottles

**Vinification and Élevage:** The grapes are de-stemmed, lightly pressed and go through a cool maceration in tank in order to extract the primary aromas. Utilizing indigenous yeasts, alcoholic fermentation is then carefully monitored. Extraction is gentle, respecting the grape variety, terroir and vintage. The wine is allowed to settle and then racked into barrels. The malolactic fermentation takes place in barrels with aging on lees. Total aging is 15-18 months in 20% new and 80% used oak.

**About The Vineyard:** Clos Rousseau is a 23.83 ha vineyard which is comprised of three smaller crus, Grand Clos Rousseau, Les Fourneaux and Petit Clos Rousseau. It lies on the Southern border of Santenay neighboring Maranges.

**Tasting Notes:** Deep garnet color. Very ripe dark fruit aromas: black currants, red plums. Layered texture and ripe tannins, round on the palate, followed by a long, satisfying finish. This Santenay is definitely a food wine, with its accessible style and firm yet rich structure. Aging potential 8 to 10 years. Superb value in a Premier Cru Burgundy.

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