

Domaine Henri Gouges 2019

“Domaine Henri Gouges, which has made the best wines I have ever tasted from this fine estate.”

Steen Öhman, Winehog

“The Gouges 2019s have perfect balance, effortless energy and a glorious fruity expression, with their fresh, cool, Nordic fruit – the lingonberries and cloudberry I have found in other wines from other estates in this vintage.

The result is energy and vivacity rarely found in the Nuits-Saint-Georges appellation – or in Gouges wines for that matter. These wines really are singing.

The 2019s are from a relatively hot year, but strangely the wines possess a lovely, cool energy that gives them true lift and sparkle (in the figurative sense).

The effortless style really takes Gouges to new levels, and with ripe, healthy grapes and no hail damage, the 2019s are destined for greatness.” **Steen Öhman, Winehog**

“The wines display a massive weight of fruit. The more I think about it though, the more I think that these wines have every chance of turning into something rather special, in the long (sometimes very long) run.” Jasper Morris MW

Please note: Due to tiny yields in 2019, preference will be given to buyers who purchased these wines in previous years, placed balanced orders and have supported Asset Wines throughout the previous year.

2019 Nuits St.Georges

£210 c/s IB – 4 cases available (6 bts per case)

The 2019 Nuits Saint-Georges Village was completely destemmed. I had trouble getting my head around the bouquet; it came across quite reduced (which is not uncommon with young Gouges wines), missing some delineation and a bit blocky. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins and offers commendable vigor, moderate depth and candied red fruit laced with orange peel toward the finish. Hopefully the aromatics will knit together with bottle age.

89+ Points, Neal Martin

Rich deep purple, this also has an almost too ripe nose but more in ultra ripe grapes rather than prunes, and the acidity is good. This will fill out nicely, there is already a wealth of flesh backed by a few tannins, so all should be fine. The Nuits-St-Georges certainly finishes on a fresher note.

91 Points, 4 Stars, Jasper Morris MW, Inside Burgundy.com

2019 Nuits-St.-Georges 1er Cru Les Chênes Carteaux

£260 c/s IB – 8 cases available (6 bts per case)

This parcel, with an area of an hectare, is located at the south of the Vaucrains and above the Saint Georges. This steep slope that extends between 260 and 300 meters of altitude is made of yellowish brown soils, light and sandy. The beauty here is that the wine is more approachable than most of Gouges other 1er Crus. Highly recommended!

A relatively unknown vineyard, yet located just above Les Saint-Georges and next to Vaucrains. This is vivacious, with juicy balance and expressive cherry notes; a relatively modest 13% alcohol gives a certain lightness. Delightfully balanced, with some lingonberry notes adding to the fresh feel of this wine.

90-92 Points, Fine, Steen Öhman, Winehog

2019 Nuits-St.-Georges 1er Cru Clos des Porrets St. Georges

£270 c/s IB – 2 cases available (6 bts per case)

The 2019 Nuits Saint-Georges Clos des Porrets-Saint-Georges 1er Cru has a tightly wound bouquet, iris and incense notes dominating at the moment, slightly at the expense of terroir expression. The harmonious palate is medium-bodied with fleshy red berry fruit and a touch of white pepper and clove, dovetailing into a piquant, lively finish. All it lacks is a bit of persistence on the aftertaste.

90-92 Points, Neal Martin

Dense but lively purple, a little bit reductive, having not yet been racked at any stage. Sweet rich ripe fruit but not cooked here, just ultra-lush, with good acidity. Nicely balanced, with even some elegance, I really enjoy the finish here, with a welcome strictness. Very promising.

91-94 Points, 4 Stars, Jasper Morris MW, Inside Burgundy.com

There are two cuvées from Clos des Porrets-Saint-Georges: This is the regular cuvée made with destemmed grapes. This cuvee is showing some heat, but still with Nordic freshness and liveliness. With its destemmed fruit and 2019 lift, I find it to be a close race with the special old-vine cuvee. This is an intriguing wine.

93-94 Points, Very Fine, Steen Öhman, Winehog

2019 Nuits-St.-Georges 1er Cru Les Pruliers

£350 c/s IB – 1 case available (6 bts per case) - **SOLD OUT**

The 2019 Nuits Saint-Georges Les Pruliers 1er Cru was a little more reduced than Gouges's other cuvées, opening gradually to reveal blackberry, wild hedgerow and incense. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, lithe and silky in the mouth, and fleshy with a judicious touch of white pepper toward the finish. The shortfall in grip and substance is sufficiently compensated with elegance.

92-94 Points, Neal Martin

Very reductive. Dense, almost sombre purple. A little toastiness too. Will rack end November to bottle Feb/March, and it needs the racking. Sweetly ripe, very dense, dark cherry here, not too cooked but it is quite a monster on the dark side. Just give it twenty years... Just a little fresher at the finish.

90-94 Points, 3 Stars, Jasper Morris MW, Inside Burgundy.com

Les Pruliers is back in the core of Nuits-Saint-Georges – and this year really showing well. It offers bright, lively fruit – again lingonberries and darkish cherries – in a delicate yet intense package. Classic NSG, yet the lively energy is very unusual – 2019 in a nutshell.

93-94 Points, Very Fine, Steen Öhman, Winehog

2019 Nuits-St.-Georges 1er Cru Les St.-Georges

£375 c/s IB – 2 cases available (3 bts per case) - **SOLD OUT**

The 2019 Nuits Saint-Georges Les Saint-Georges 1er Cru has a very well-defined, complex bouquet that puts the preceding Les Vaucraains in its place. Here there is clearly greater focus and terroir expression, subtle sous-bois scents permeating the black and red fruit. The harmonious palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, seamlessly integrated new oak and a silky-smooth finish exerting judicious grip. Very classy.

94-96 Points, Neal Martin

Rich glowing purple, there is such a vast volume of fruit here that it takes time. What a weight on the palate, and what a wait will be needed in your cellars. Actually, such is the plumpness of the fruit that one could tackle this in the not too distant future, but how much better to let a great Gouges wine mature slowly and gently. I like the little touch of salinity at the finish.

94-97 Points, 5 Stars, Jasper Morris MW, Inside Burgundy.com

The Les Saint-Georges is really showing the true colors of 2019. It has tremendous inherent freshness – deep and very refined. It's vivid, with Nordic berries adding a lovely, fresh, sweet delicacy. The mineral backbone is deeply rooted, and the lively fruit gives the wine a playful, zen-like balance. This is an excellent wine, amongst the best I have ever tasted from the appellation.

93-95 Points, Very Fine++, Steen Öhman, Winehog

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