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Wine Review

Domaine A.-F. Gros

2022 Clos de Vougeot

Grand Cru Red 750 ml

Score: **94**

Tasted: Apr 10, 2024

Drink: 2034+

Issue: 94

Note: from a blend of two-thirds Musigni and one-third Garenne

Producer note: Mathias Parent, who with his sister Caroline, directs this 16 ha domaine and makes the wine for the three family labels of Anne-Françoise Gros reviewed herein, plus those of François Parent, and his own eponymous operation of Mathias Parent. I met this year with Caroline and she described the 2022 growing season as "one that had a clement growing season with no hail or frost or much disease pressure either, so I suppose you could say it was easy to manage. We picked from the 29th of August to the 17th of September as our vines in the Hautes Côtes always ripen much later than those in the Côte. Yields were generally good if somewhat variable but most wines came in between 35 and 40 hl/ha with solid potential alcohols that ranged from 13 to 13.5%. We used varying amounts of whole clusters, which is to say up to 70% for the grand crus and between 30 to 50% for the rest. We then racked into barrels of which around one-third were new. As to the wines, we're really quite happy with them because while they're certainly ripe and don't have especially high acid levels, they drink like they're neither! Serious, blind it would be difficult to identify the wines as having come from one of the hottest and driest vintages on record." I was impressed by the quality I found here and the Gros 2022s are very much recommended. (Great Lakes Wine & Spirits, www.glwas.com, MI, Vin Sauvage, www.vinsauvage.com, NV, Premier Beverage Co., [**Tasting note:** A more subtle application of wood can be found on the ripe aromas of various dark berries that display a floral top note. The rich, concentrated and powerful broad-shouldered palate soaking flavors display a less evident mineral streak on the moderately austere, serious and equally built-to-age finale. This is excellent and while it does need better depth, that is all but certain to occur.](http://www.breakthrubev.com/Florida, FL, Advintage Distributing, www.advintagedistributing.com, SC, USA; John Armit Wines, www.armit.co.uk, L'Assemblage, www.lassemblage.co.uk, Bancroft Wines, www.bancroftwines.com, Colombier Wines, www.colombiervinsfins.co.uk, Goedhuis & Co., www.goedhuis.com, Frazier's Wine Merchants, www.frazierswine.co.uk, Four Walls Wine Co., www.fourwallswine.com, Hedonism Wines, www.hedonism.co.uk, Laytons, www.laytons.co.uk, Nickolls and Perks, www.nickollsandperks.co.uk, Neill Wines, www.neillwine.com, Berry Brothers & Rudd, www.bbr.com, Waitrose Cellar, www.waitrosecellar.com and Awin Barratt Siegel Wine Agencies, www.abswineagencies.co.uk, all UK).</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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