



TERROIRS DE BOURGOGNE

A.O.C.

BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ



APPELATION D'ORIGINE CONTROLEE

Regional appellation of Burgundy.

The appellation BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ is restricted to white wines grown from the Aligoté grape anywhere within Burgundy.

Producing communes :

Department of Yonne : **54 communes**.

Department of Côte-d'Or : **91 communes**.

Department of Saône-et-Loire : **154 communes**.

TASTING NOTES

Bourgogne Aligoté is a **white** wine, fresh as a spring breeze. It is companionable, a touch impertinent, well-fruited, and pale gold in colour. Its bouquet is of flowers (hawthorn, acacia) or fruit (apple). In the mouth this tender, melting wine tickles the taste buds and finishes on notes of hazelnut.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

Outstanding as a pre-dinner drink - mixed with blackcurrant liqueur (known as crème de cassis) it becomes the famous « Kir ». It is a perfect match for grilled fish. Its liveliness and its citrus notes stand up well to the saltiness of oysters and to strong goat's cheese. More simply, Bourgogne Aligoté is one of the rare wines that does not overpower salads, tabouleh or steamed vegetables. It is also a worthy companion to savory puff pastries (gougères), snails in their shell with butter and garlic and of course the Burgundian specialty of cold ham with parsley (jambon persillé).

Serving temperature : 11 to 12 °C.



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LOCATION

The Aligoté grape has been known in Burgundy since the 17th century. It does marvelously well here. Whether grown in the Saône-et-Loire, the Côte-d'Or or in the Yonne, it faithfully reflects the diversity of its « terroirs ». Official granting of the AOC BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ dates back to 1937. Wines made from this grape at Bouzeron in the Côte Chalonnaise are entitled to the communal appellation BOUZERON.

SOILS

Though planted in widely diverse wine-growing districts, the Aligoté is generally found on soils with a limestone base, often combined with marls or clays. Burgundy's Aligoté is also well-suited to hilly locations and higher altitudes.

COLOUR(S) AND GRAPE VARIETY(IES)

White wines exclusively - Aligoté.

The Aligoté accounts for 6% of total plantings in Burgundy and has a long history here. It is a rather vigorous white grape. Its berries are larger and more numerous than those of the Chardonnay. The wines made from it do not carry the name of their village, with the sole exception of BOUZERON though that too is entitled to the appellation BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ.

PRODUCTION

Area under production* :

1 hectare (ha) = 10,000 m² = 24 "ouvrées"
1,698.41 ha approx.

Average annual yield :**

1 hectolitre (hl) = 100 litres = 130 bottles
107,470 hl approx.

* In 2007

** 5 years average, 2003-2007