



Joseph Drouhin

# Corton-Charlemagne

GRAND CRU

2018

## SERVICE



### Cellaring

Optimal consumption: 10 to 25 years  
Ageing potential: 25 years



Tasting temperature  
14°C (57°F)

## Grape variety

Chardonnay

## Vineyard

Producing communes: Aloxe-Corton, Ladoix-Serrigny and Pernand-Vergelesses.

Site: occupies a dominant position on the hill behind the village of Aloxe-Corton. The estate of Drouhin faces due east.

History & tradition: Corton-Charlemagne is the only vineyard in Burgundy bearing the name of two emperors: « Corton » comes from the Gallo-Roman Curtis d'Othon, meaning the Domaine of Othon, a German emperor. It gave the word Courthon, which became Corton. Famous emperor Charlemagne (Carolus Magnus) was, according to legend, the owner of the vineyard.

Soil: brown limestone with small stones.

## Tasting

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One of the greatest wines of Burgundy, to be tasted with awe and reverence. It has an intense golden hue. On the nose, there are some subtle tones of rose, fresh almond, citrus, honey, exotic wood and spice. Majestic and well balanced on the palate. Generous and lively at the same time. Intense and complex aftertaste. All the aromas mingle and linger for quite a long time afterwards. A wine of undeniable majesty.

## Winemaking

Supply: this wine comes from grapes and musts purchased from supply partners according to rigorous specifications.

Harvest: grapes harvested by hands in open-work crates. If necessary, a careful sorting is proceeded.

Vinification: slow pressing in a pneumatic press. The juice of the last press is separated of the free run-juice. The juice is transferred into wine barrel after a little settling.

Ageing: the alcoholic fermentation as the malolactic and the ageing are being processed in oak barrels. The proportion of new barrels is around 30%.  
The ageing lasts between 18 to 21 months.

Origin of the wood: oak grown in French high forest.

Throughout the ageing process, decisions are taken only after careful tasting evaluation. The data obtained is completed through technical analysis. As with every other Joseph Drouhin wine, absolute priority is given to the true expression of terroir and character of the vintage.



## Vintage

In 2018, great weather conditions provided a sound and high-quality harvest. The wines show a very nice balance. They deliver aromas of flowers and ripe fruit.