

Cellar Society of San Francisco Red Burgundy Tasting, Aug. 5, 2017

Burgundy's **Côte d'Or** (Gold Coast) refers to the chain of hills west of the Saône river valley in eastern France and includes **Côte de Nuits** and **Côte de Beaune**. The less prestigious wine districts of **Côte Chalonaise** and **Mâconnais** lie to the south.

For Burgundy wine, **Grand Cru** is the highest classification and **Premier Cru (1er Cru)** is the second-highest classification, below which are the basic village AOCs (appellation d'origine contrôlée).

“**Cru**” indicates a named and legally defined vineyard which grows on a reputed terroir and implies good quality. The term **Cru** is used within classifications in Bordeaux and Burgundy.

A **monopole** ("monopoly" in French) is an area controlled by a single winery (wine company) and can be as small as a vineyard or as large as an entire AOC, such as Bordeaux or Champagne.



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	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	Rating ranges
Côte de Nuits red	96E	92E	92E	93E	91E	96E	95E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 96-100 Extraordinary 90-95 Outstanding 80-89 Above Average to Excellent 70-79 Average 60-69 Below Average < 59 Appalling
Côte de Beaune red	94E	91E	89E	91E	90E	94E	95E	

E – Early maturing and accessible
Bold vintages in tasting

Wine Spectator

Côte de Nuits				Côte de Beaune			
2014	95	Drink or hold	Juicy cherry and berry flavors, with freshness and tension; lower alcohol. The best have added depth and energy	2014	93	Drink or hold	Third consecutive year of hail resulted in low yields, yet the best are complex, juicy and ageable
2013	92	Drink or hold	Low yields resulted in crisp, light-bodied Pinot Noirs with vibrant acidity and ripe fruit flavors	2013	89	Drink or hold	A more challenging harvest due to hail, with tiny yields in the affected areas and some wines with dry tannins
2012	95	Drink or hold	Dense, concentrated reds, with pure fruit, elegance and freshness; the best should age very well	2012	92	Drink or hold	Less consistency than Côte de Nuits due to hail, resulting in less harmony and finesse overall, with some surprises
2011	91	Drink or hold	Elegant, perfumed wines, with vibrant acidity, pure fruit and juicy textures for near- to medium-term enjoyment	2011	90	Drink or hold	Open and charming wines, full of pure aromas and flavors of red fruits and spice
2010	94	Drink or hold	Ripe fruit and tannins, with vivid acidity; vibrant, charming reds with balance and focus	2010	91	Drink or hold	Fruity, ripe and vibrant; more rain than Côte de Nuits, so quality is less consistent
2009	95	Drink or hold	Charming and fluid, with ripe, pure fruit; some wines soft, overripe, for early drinking	2009	93	Drink or hold	Charming and fluid, with ripe, pure fruit; some wines soft, overripe for early drinking