

THE SOURCE

David Duband

2020 Hautes Cotes de Nuits Rouge, Cuvée Auguste

Varietal(s)	Pinot Noir
Region	Burgundy, France
Short Summary	David Duband took over the family domaine (founded in 1963) in 1991. His most evident adaptations over the years have been the conversion of all his vineyards to organic practices in 2006, the inclusion of healthy doses of whole bunches to all classifications of his wine (Bourgogne to Grand Cru), and minimal additions of sulfites. Duband's stable of wines comes from twenty-three prestigious appellations from Gevrey-Chambertin to Nuits-Saint-Georges, including six grand crus. David's wines, from a mix of vines aged 25-100 years old, clearly demonstrate the subtle differences amongst parcels, further revealing each unique nuance of the year and terroir.
Terroir	This wine comes from a cooler site close to forest on a high, steep elevation. It is a lovely wine with beautifully delineated lines and is more fresh with acidity than David's other entry level wines (Bourgogne and Côte de Nuits Village.) The vineyards sit just outside of David's hometown, Chévannes, in the Hautes-Côtes-de-Nuits. David explained that these vines planted mostly in the 1970's are on average three degrees Celsius less throughout the growing season than the Côte de Nuits, thus delaying their picking time by weeks. It can be a little backward upon opening but hits stride 15 minutes or more after opening.
Cellar Notes	Stems are included in all Duband wines (average: 30-40% for entry-level, 70-80% on Village/1er Cru, 80-100% Grand Cru). A small dose of SO ₂ (7ppm) is made at crush and pigeage (punchdowns) is made by foot to not break stems and begins after fermentation starts—5 to 7 total throughout the fermentation. Remontage (pump over) is only used if there is H ₂ S (reductive elements), which is very common in organic wines. The fermentation is usually 17-18 days, then pressed and settled in tanks for 2-3 weeks to allow for whole cluster ferments to settle more clearly—destemmed ferments clarify quicker. Racked for the first time before the end of the year.
Farming	Sustainable—Organic Certified—Biodynamic Certified—Uncertified Naturalist
Alcohol %	12.5 - 13.0
Total SO ₂	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High