2017 Corton Grand Cu
Clos du Roi

Chandon de Briailles

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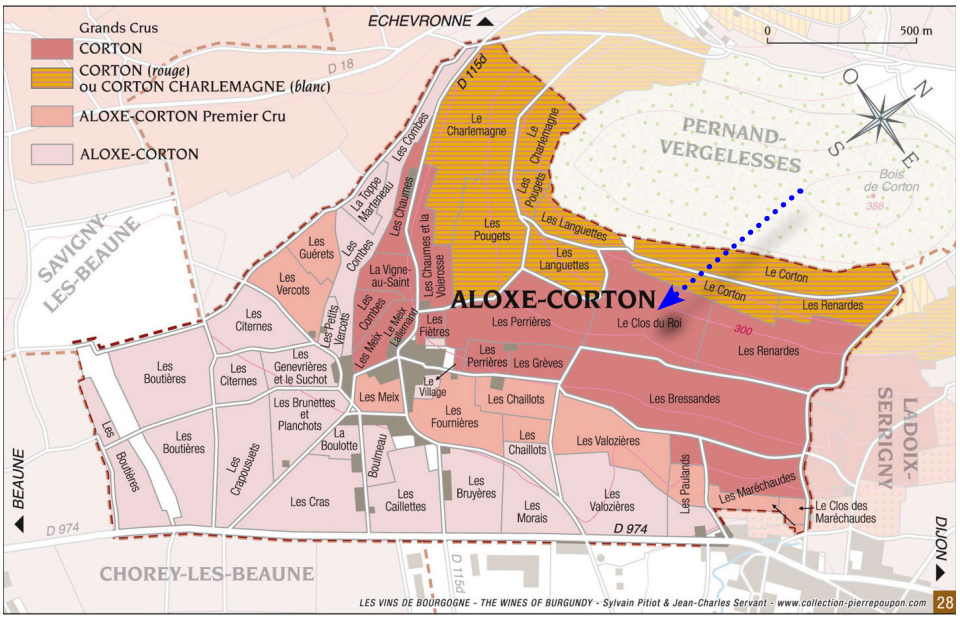
Located in the village of Savigny les Beaune, Domaine Chandon de Briailles has been in the same family since 1834. It belongs to the Count and Countess Aymard-Claude de Nicolay and heir children. François de Nicolay and his sister Claude de Nicolay are currently responsible for running the 34 acres biodynamic Estate (organic since 1995, biodynamic since 2005) spread across the appellations of Savigny, Pernand and Aloxe. They are the largest landholder of Ile-des-Vergelesses, and the only domaine to grow both chardonnay and pinot noir there. Annual production is approx. 50,000 allocated bottles. Domaine Chandon de Briailles is part of the association of Les Domaines Familiaux de Tradition; 28 of the most prestigious domaines in Burgundy.

100% old vine pinot noir - 13.5% alc.

At an average of 60 years, the Domaine's oldest vines lie in the Clos du Roi, a vineyard high on the Corton slope with a soil rich in Bathonian limestone. It's these rocky origins, the high altitude and the SSE aspect of the site that makes this one of the truly great Corton terroirs. Not without reason did Louis XI confiscate this vineyard for his own purposes (previously called Clos des Ducs - vineyard of the powerful Valois Dukes of Burgundy) and it remained as the Clos du Roi (vineyard of the king) until the French Revolution three centuries later.

''It has the most accomplished aromatics of the domaine's Grand Crus, featuring shimmering cranberry and raspberry scents, sous-bois and tea leaf. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, a fine bead of acidity and more substance than either the Les Maréchaudes or the Bressandes. The seductive, smooth finish bulges with red fruit. Superb.'' 93 points Vinous