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PULIGNY-MONTRACHET - FRANCE

POMMARD 2019



VINTAGE

The season begins with a mild and dry winter, leading to an early start to the growing cycle. A significant episode of frost occurred on the Chardonnay on April 5 then on the Pinot Noir on April 14, causing a harvest loss (30% to 50%). A cooling at the beginning of June leads to capricious flowering. This causes runoff and further reduces yields while concentrating the aromas. The hot summer induces water stress in certain places which delays the maturity of the grapes. Because the berries are small and few number, the sugar level in the grapes is naturally high but the lack of water helped maintain good acidity.

VINEYARD

Planted in a terroir with very different natures of soil, we have to choose a style without underestimate the entire and even a little bit rustic character which corresponds to the wines from Pommard when they are young. We chose to produce an elegant wine with the vineyards located mainly in the hillsides (Chanlins, Refènes, Grands Poisots, Cras, En Moigelot et La Croix Planet). The nature of the soil is mainly brown and limestone. The grapes from several plots are blended in the tanks.

Wine-Growing method : Sustainable

Harvest: 100 % manual

Soil : Calcareous clay

Production area : 211,62 ha

Altitude : 300-350 m

Average age of vines : 40

VINIFICATION

100% Pinot Noir

At their arrival in our cellar, the grapes are carefully sorted in order to keep only the healthy grapes at an optimal ripeness

50% whole berries, 50 % destemmed grappes

Fining: no

Filtration : yes

Alcoholic fermentation in open vats: 20 days

17 months (whose 5 months in stainless steel tank) 100 % oak barrels (whose 30% of new oak)

13,5% vol.

TASTING

Tasting note

The fruity nose opens with blackberry, blackcurrant, cherry. The body is full and generous with a very beautiful tannic and persistent structure.

Food pairings

Ideal with grilled beef or jugged poultry. Can be served also with cheeses such as Epoisses or Soumaintrain.

Serving temperature :17-19°C

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