Olivier Leflaive

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET - FRANCE

SAINT-ROMAIN SOUS LE CHÂTEAU
2021

Sous le Château is one of the Climats of the Saint-Romain vineyard. It is located under the rocky outcrop which served as a Merovingian necropolis in the 4th century, then as a feudal castle until the 11th century when it was burned down and destroyed. These steep slope vineyards were abandoned after the phylloxera disease and replanted in the 1970s.



VINTAGE

Until the last day, the 2021 wine year is trying. Marked by severe episodes of frost between April 5 and 9 which significantly reduced the harvest, the vines awakening was difficult, and the months of April and May were rainy and cool. Until the harvest, which began on September 20, the brutal weather changes set their tempo: responsiveness and constant attention are necessary. Fortunately, the lull in June allowed the flowering to take place without incident and veraison was favored by good conditions which set in from mid-August.

VINEYARD

Regarded as the terroir the most accomplished of the A.O.C. Saint Romain. Its exposure towards South-East and its stony limestone soil give a wine of personality mixing rich but subtle aromas. This cuvee is a blend of 3 different plots.
Wine-Growing method : Sustainable
Harvest: 100% manual

Soil : Calcareous Clay
Production area : 23,85 ha
Altitude : 350-430m
Average age of vines : 46 years

VINIFICATION

100% Chardonnay

At their arrival in our cellar, the grapes are immediately and carefully pressed with a pneumatic press.
Partially crushed grapes.
24h static settling
Alcoholic and malolactic fermentations in oak barrels.

12 months (whose 3 months in stainless steel tank)
100% oak barrels (whose 20% of new oak)

13% vol.

TASTING

Tasting note

Freshness combined with minerality of terroir and a generous personality.

Food pairings

It is able to accompany steamed crab, a roast cod-fish loin or a Brillat-Savarin cheese.

Serving temperature : 10-12°C

Should be drunk between : 2023-2029

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