



Olivier Leflaive

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET - FRANCE

SAINT-ROMAIN SOUS LE CHÂTEAU 2019

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 steeply sloping vines were abandoned after phylloxera and replanted in the 1970s.



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

Regarded as the terroir the most accomplished of the A.O.C. Saint Romain. Its exposure towards South-East and its limestone stony soil give a wine of personality mixing rich but subtle aromas.

Wine-Growing method : Sustainable
Harvest: 100 % manual

Soil : Calcareous Clay
Production area : 23,85 ha
Altitude :
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 .

100 % whole berries
Finning: yes
Filtration : yes

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

14% vol.

TASTING

Tasting note

Freshness combined with minerality of terroir and a generous personality.

Food pairings

Ideal with pâtés, terrines and potted meat

Serving temperature :10-12°C

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