Olivier Leflaive

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET - FRANCE

SAINT-ROMAIN SOUS LE CHÂTEAU
2018

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

A dream vintage which offers generous volumes and superb quality. Water is a major player during the winter which allows the vines to build up their reserves before a particularly hot and dry summer. Favored by a mild spring, flowering took place perfectly with beautiful and numerous clusters. No major climatic incident hampers the growing cycle. The harvest, which was in impeccable health, took place from August 27 to September 15.

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
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

12 months (whose 4 months in stainless steel tank)
100 % oak barrels (whose 20% of new oak)

13,5% 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

Should be drunk between : 2021-2024

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