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PULIGNY-MONTRACHET - FRANCE

SANTENAY ROUGE 2019

From the water nymph to the god of wine, Santenay benefits from a dual vocation, spa and wine. Santenay has effectively become Santenay les Bains, a small spa town in the south of the Côte d'Or; its waters are rich in lithine.



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

Located at the South border of la Côte de Beaune, the village of Santenay is very sprawling. The soils are brown calcareous limestone on the slopes, with more clay and silt on the lower parts of the area. We blend the grapes from several plots, to combine structure, fruit quality and elegance.

Wine-Growing method : Sustainable
Harvest: 100 % manual

Soil : Calcareous clay
Production area : 253 ha
Altitude : 250-300 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
100 % destemmed grapes

Alcoholic fermentation in open vats: 19 days

16 months (whose 4 months in stainless steel tank)
100 % oak barrels (whose 30% of new oak)

13,5% vol.

TASTING

Tasting note

This wine shows an earthy but fresh nose which evolves into fruity glimpses on the palate. The flavors' weight, from light to medium, contribute to a beautiful balance and length, one of the best in its range.

Food pairings

Ideal with caramelized poultry or cheese such as Cîteaux and Bleu de Bresse.

Serving temperature : 17-19°C

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