Olivier Leflaive

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET - FRANCE

CHEVALIER-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU - RÉCOLTE DU DOMAINE 2018

It is told that the lord of Puligny-Montrachet divided his estate among his children: The eldest son or "Knight" (Chevalier), his daughters or "Virgins" (Pucelles) and "Bastard" (Bâtard). Each had his hand and three climates have kept their name Chevalier-Montrachet, Puligny-Montrachet Les Pucelles and Bâtard-Montrachet



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

This cuvée is made out of a single plot of our Domaine, in Puligny-Montrachet. The location of Chevalier, at the top of the hillside of Grands Crus, and its positioning protect it from spring frost. Agronomically, the soil is poor, mainly marly limestone, on a 20% slope. The grape has an early maturity. The wine is subtle, almost aristocratic.
Wine-Growing method : HVE (High Environmental Value, level 3)
Harvest: 100 % manual
Soil : Limestone Marls
Production area : 7,58 ha
Altitude : 250-300 m
Average age of vines : 44 years

VINIFICATION

100% Chardonnay

At their arrival in our cellar, the grapes are immediately and carefully pressed with a pneumatic press .
100% whole berries

17 months (whose 2 months in stainless steel)
100 % oak barrels

13% vol.

TASTING

Tasting note

The texture combines power and tone, richness and delicacy. A fine wine with perfect balance. A little lighter than les Montrachet, it develops more towards a mineral wine.

Food pairings

With grilled lobsters or scallops.

Serving temperature : 12-14°C

Should be drunk between : 2023-2028

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