



Olivier Leflaive

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET - FRANCE

CHEVALIER-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU - RÉCOLTE DU DOMAINE 2017

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

After a cold and dry start to the year, temperatures rose quickly at the end of March, triggering a rapid resumption of the growing cycle. A few morning frosts impacted part of the vineyard at the end of April but without major damage. The flowering period takes place in a few days at the beginning of June in superb weather. The summer is hot and sunny but delivers some welcome storm rain to help the plant enter the veraison stage. The harvest takes place at the beginning of September with ideal weather and impeccable health quality of the grapes.

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 : 43 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 5 months in stainless steel)

100 % oak barrels (from one vintage)

14% 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 : 2022-2028

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