

# DOMAINE de MONTILLE



## Beaune 1er Cru Les Grèves

2021

**Color** red

**Grape variety** pinot noir

**Surface area** 1,26 ha

**Production** 3 500

**Share of whole harvest** 25%

**Share of new barrels** 25%

**Alcohol** 13%

### The appellation

"Les Grèves" refers to gravelly lands and can be considered as a derivative of "graves", a type of friable rock, fine scree associated with clays. This cru of about 20 hectares, located in the heart of the hillside, is considered the best 1er cru in Beaune. The best part of the plot is in the heart of the AOC. Our plot is located in the southern extension of Maison Bouchard Père et Fils's "Vigne de l'Enfant Jésus".

### The wine and the style

Today's style remains faithful to Hubert's classic and terroir-driven approach, with greater aromatic expression, silkier and more unctuous textures in the reds, allowing them to drink earlier, without compromising their ability to age. The domaine is known in Burgundy for using a significant proportion of whole clusters that varies from one to cuvée to another depending on the plant material and the vintage.

### Vine growing

Organic since 1995 and biodynamic since 2005. All our wines are certified by Ecocert.

### The vintage

Vintage 2021 had everyone talking very early in the growing season due to the terrible spring frost that hit the region between April 6 and 8, 2021. Temperatures

dropped to  $-8^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $17^{\circ}\text{F}$ ), irremediably damaging harvest volume. The vines timidly resumed their development, the relatively cold and wet days of July and beginning of August keeping them a bit behind schedule throughout the summer. With twice as many treatments to push off mildew outbreaks, the growing season of 2021 was quite the challenge for our team but everyone's efforts paid off! Inevitably, volumes were down by 60% on average with major disparities. Chardonnay vines were more affected by the frost because they were ahead in their vegetative cycle compared to pinot noir. Yet, the musts surprised us