

# DOMAINE de MONTILLE



## Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrières

2021

**Color** white

**Grape variety** chardonnay

**Surface area** 0.45 ha

**Production** 1 210

**Share of new barrels** 30%

**Alcohol** 12,5%

**The appellation** Among the Meursault Premiers Crus, some stand above the pack: Les Charmes, Les Genevrières, and of course Les Perrières, the most sought-after climat, regularly seen as the natural candidate for a possible reclassification as Grand Cru. The term Perrière refers to stone quarries. This wine has a remarkable minerality, superior to all the other Premiers Crus produced in Meursault and which, on this point, brings it closer to the great wines of Puligny. Our 0.45-ha plot of Meursault Perrières is located in the upper part of the cru and produces a dense and vertical wine. The nose is above all mineral and stony with complex notes of white flowers and hawthorn. The mouthfeel is concentrated and structured with impressive length.

### **The wine and the style**

After a light settling, the musts are put into 228 and 600-liter-barrels to complete the alcoholic and malolactic fermentations. We work with 5 to 20% new barrels with wood coming mostly from Allier, light toasting. The wines are racked about a year later before being transferred to stainless steel vats for the second phase of their aging in order to retain freshness and minerality.

### **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°C (17°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 all with exceptional crisp and stellar freshness. As a result, 2021 unveils a classic and well-balanced profile. Far from the solar character of the previous three vintages, it reveals airy textures and lovely drinkability, combining pleasure and purity.

**Tasting note**

Stunning bouquet with bright minerality that defines the Climat. The palate is both taut and powerful, focused and graceful, with notes of lemon and striking persistence.