

DOMAINE de MONTILLE



Pommard 1er Cru les Rugiens

2021

Color red

Grape variety pinot noir

Surface area 1,02

Production 1 960

Share of whole harvest 50%

Share of new barrels 40%

Alcohol 13%

The appellation

“Rugiens” comes from the red color (rouge in French) of the clays rich in iron oxides contained in its soil. It is divided into two parts: the “Rugiens Hauts” (upper Rugiens) and the “Rugiens-Bas” (lower Rugiens). “Rugiens-Bas” is considered the best part as it delivers the mouthfeel and the complexity of a grand cru. Rugiens liberates incomparable power and distinction in the Côte de Beaune. Powerful, racy, complete wine, it expresses itself with an additional dimension in all its components, whether complexity, depth, or longevity. We are the largest landowner in Rugiens-Bas with two plots covering a total area of 1.02 ha.

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°C (17°F), irretrievably 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

Inviting nose of blood orange, red berry fruit and undergrowth. The mouth is vibrant and powerful but never excessive nor heavy. It is precise with an extremely long aftertaste. This one will go far.