

DOMAINE de MONTILLE



Pommard Les Cras

2021

Color red

Grape variety pinot noir

Surface area 0,5 ha

Production 1 200

Share of whole harvest 0%

Share of new barrels 20%

Alcohol 13%

The appellation

Pommard “Les Cras” is our only red village wine in the Côte de Beaune. Cras comes from “stony hillside”, often used to designate a soil made up of stony scree and pebbles. Our plot is ideally located in the upper part of the cru, on a gentle slope facing south, between two premier crus (“les Combes Dessus” and “le Clos Micot”). The gravelly soil is rich in quality red clays typical of Pommard. Planted in the early 1980s, it produces a generous, deep and sappy wine.

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

Delightful bouquet with dark berry, undergrowth and light cedar aromas. Finely delineated, it perfectly illustrates the expression "an iron fist in a velvet glove" with crunchy tannins and a touch of black pepper on the finish.