

# DOMAINE de MONTILLE



## Volnay 1er Cru Les Taillepieds

2021

**Color** red

**Grape variety** pinot noir

**Surface area** 1,51 ha

**Production** 3 900

**Share of whole harvest** 33%

**Share of new barrels** 30%

**Alcohol** 13%

### The appellation

Famous "Les Taillepieds" gets its name from the small sharp stones that "cut your feet" when spading the earth. The cru is located in the middle of the hillside, facing South-East, with light brown clay and abundant small pebbles. It has little to envy the great wines of the Côte de Nuits. It is a model of aromatic purity, precision and thoroughness. Its mineral character, its purity, its firmness and its elegance evoke a Cistercian construction which, like the abbeys, seems to defy time.

### 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