

« AUX MALCONSORTS » 1^{er} CRU DE VOSNE ROMANÉE 2013

Domaine de Montille

COLOR:	Red
GRAPE VARIETY:	Pinot noir
VINTAGE:	2013
SURFACE AREA:	0.89 Hectare
PRODUCTION :	290 csses (12 x 750ml)
% WHOLE GRAPES:	66%
% NEW BARRELS:	%50
ALCOHOL :	13% VOL
PH :	3.55



The appellation

Vosne-Romanée (153 hectares) is home to some of the most precious and rare wines in the world. The southern border of the famous Grand Cru "La Tâche" (monopole of the Domaine de la Romanée-Conti) is called "Aux Malconsorts". An appellation with a total surface area of 5.86 hectares that benefits from an exceptional placement - with the altitude, exposition and a soil type very similar to its illustrious neighbor, it could be a Grand Cru.

Domaine de Montille has the privilege of working with two parcels of "Les Malconsorts", this one covering 0.89 hectare with the soils in the higher part (light brown clay with pebbles) being different yet very complimentary to those at the bottom (deep red clay).

The origin of the term "Malconsorts" is uncertain but it may indicate a troubled history of ownership with court battles required to assert or defend ownership of this magic place.

The wines from "Les Malconsorts" are of a prodigious finesse and elegance. The aromatic complexity of its floral, perfumed and often spicy notes are extraordinary; the silky tannins, the depth and the ethereal character of the body give the wine an airy dimension. They are among the wines that reveal the most refined and successful expression of Burgundian Pinot Noir. This is a Grand Premier Cru: a Premier Cru that rivals the Grand Crus.

The wines, the style

Domaine de Montille is known to craft wines with great aromatic purity, always favoring balance and elegance over power and extraction. The wines are classic expressions of Burgundy, produced in the most natural way possible and possessing an impressive ability to age, as the family believes only time can reveal the true potential of the greatest wines. The domaine's current style remains faithful to Hubert's natural and idealistic approach, which demanded considerable patience while waiting for appropriate drinking windows for certain vintages. Etienne, however, has taken up the task to bring greater aromatic expression and silkier and more unctuous textures to the reds, allowing them to drink earlier, without compromising their ability to age. The domaine is known in Burgundy, among others such as Arlot, DRC, Dujac and Leroy, to regularly vinify using a significant proportion of whole clusters, varying by cuvée and by vintage.

Tending the Vines

The Domaine has practiced organic viticulture since 1995. Today, our wines are certified by Ecocert. Additionally, since 2005, biodynamic practices have been implemented to show our full respect for these living soils.

The vintage

Harvest begun on October 1st and was narrowed down to a week.

With a cold and rainy spring, 2013 vintage started off badly. A late flowering (3 weeks) leading to a heterogeneous fruit set was announcing a low yield for the third year in a row.

Then, came the salvaging summer: A warm and sunny weather allowed for a perfect vegetative condition and we caught up one week on fruit development.

A damp September showcased our organic and Biodynamic methods: while Botrytis pressure was rising high in the vineyard, our berries were ripening slowly but surely, allowing us to harvest before October's storms which clearly degraded the situation.

Once again, the Côte de Beaune suffered hail storms in 2013, the worst one on July 23rd. However, despite important losses, the quality was barely affected. Indeed, with up to 2 months between those events and harvest, the vines recovered and the damaged bunches dried and fell.

"2013 is the kind of vintage that I absolutely love. It's a burg geek's vintage par excellence." Allen Meadows

2013 is a cool vintage with a fresh, elegant, crisp flesh. The wines are showing well since the first tasting in barrels and our village wine should come to maturity quickly. As for any good vintage, the 1er and Grands crus will provide pleasure in their youth (5yo) and for a long time. To preserve this vintage's fruit, we chose to destem most of our wine on the Côte de Beaune, except for the Corton (2/3 whole cluster) and Volnay Mitans and Taillepieds (respectively 1/3 and 100%). In the Côte de Nuits where the stem maturity and the absence of hail allowed it, we kept around 2/3 of whole cluster, asserting our style.

Tasting notes

-This is less obviously floral in character though this element is still quite prominent on the discreet spicy aromas of plum, dark raspberry and sandalwood nuances. There is an equally sleek mouth feel to the broad-shouldered and muscular flavors that possess an exquisite sense of underlying tension and plenty of minerality, all wrapped in a firm, cool, linear and built-to-age finale. I very much like the complexity and the persistence is most impressive.

Score: **92-94** Tasted: Apr 15, 2015 Drink: 2025+ Issue: 58 Outstanding

Allen Meadows, BURGHOUND