Domaine Berthelemot

GRANDS VINS DE BOURGOGNE

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Clos des Mouches

2021

Domaine Berthelemot is a family business based in Meursault and cultivating 15 hectares in the Côte de Beaune area (Meursault, Puligny-Montrachet, Pommard, Beaune....). Our pledge is to produce wines revealing the true quality characteristics of the land and take care to protect the environment. Our wines are certified "organic" from vintage 2021.

The vine

Plot /climat Clos des Mouches (total surface area 25ha 18a).

History In medieval French, « les mouches » meant bees. The south east facing slope takes a lot of sun that attract flowers and bees.

Soil Clay and limestone, stony and well drained.

Our plot(s) 58a35ca and 15a03ca planted in 1958, 1968 and 1986 at an altitude of 250/300m.

The wine

100% Pinot Noir from handpicked grapes; raised in oak casks.

Taste The grapes from the two different altitudes balance to give a round and elegant wine with an aroma of ripe red berries, full-bodied and velvety on the palate.

Serving temperature 15/16°C. It is recommended to decant recent vintages so as to enhance the aroma.

The vintage

Year 2021 : down in history for frost. The frost which hit the French winelands was the worst ever experienced. Our domain was seriously struck with a yield equivalent to a third of a normal grape harvest. The frost early in April, slowed down the growth rate of the vine which took time to recover in addition to which the season was marked by frequent periods of rain , beneficial for the life of the vine but complicating the control of mildew and oidium. It was not an easy season to manage right up to harvest time as from 18 September when again spells of rain did not facilitate matters ; nevertheless, healthy grapes were selected after careful sortation on picking and before processing such that on monitoring the maturity of the wine , its equilibrium is surprisingly satisfactory. The red wines are bright , ruby coloured, supple and delicate in the mouth with a touch of small , red fruit on the nose.