

GRANDS VINS DE BOURGOGNE

BEAUNE 1^{ER} CRU
Les Bressandes

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 Les Bressandes

History It is said that the plot, formerly an old quarry filled in and planted with vines, was given the name by 3 spinsters from the Bresse region; however, it is more likely that the name originates from "broussailles" (brushwood) or "broisse" in old French vernacular.

Soil Sandy and stony on a slope of 10 to 15% facing south-east.

Our plot(s) 94a81ca planted in 1959, 1974 and 1998.

Age of vines
Planting date 1958 1974 1998

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The wine

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

Taste It is forceful on the nose combining aromas of violets and black fruit and a delicately toasted sensation; at the start in the mouth it is full and rich, followed by deep fruitiness and then a slight saline finish.

Serving temperature 15/16°C. It is recommended to decante 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.