



# Domaine Berthelemot

GRANDS VINS DE BOURGOGNE

MONTHELIE

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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** Pierrefittes and Jouères.

**History** Pierrefittes : It is believed that on this land there may have stood a dolmen or "Pierre fichée" (an upright stone). Jouères : The name originates from the old French word "jouelles" meaning the crossbars placed between the stakes and used for tying the vine.

**Soil** Pierrefittes : light coloured stone, reverberating sunlight, with an underlayer of clay. Jouères : shallow clay and limestone on a hard substratum

**Our plot(s)** 81a 19ca and 28a 55ca planted in 1962, 1969, 1984 and 1986.

## The wine

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

**Taste** The wines originating from both sectors are blended together at the end of the maturing stage in casks giving a harmonious combination, slightly dominated by the denser tones of the Pierrefittes wine.

**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.