

# ESPRIT LEFLAIVE

2019 SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE PREMIER CRU, LÈS VERGELESSES



LES VERGELESSES

Tirage limité à 2958 houteilles et 120 m

# **WINERY**

The roots of the Leflaive family go back to 1717 when Claude Leflaive took up residence in Puligny-Montrachet, intent upon cultivating several acres of vineyards. The domaine, in its present form, was created by Joseph Leflaive between the years of 1910-1930, as a result of his successive purchases of vineyards and houses. Domaine Leflaive has been entirely a family domaine since its creation. Brice de La Morandière, great-grandson of the founder, Joseph Leflaive, represents the fourth generation at the head of the domaine. In 2015, after an international corporate career, he succeeded Anne-Claude, pioneer in biodynamics. It is with the same philosophy of respect for thegreat terroirs, humility toward the forces of nature and relentless pursuit of excellence in viticulture and in winemaking that the domaine will continue to grow in the future.

### **WINE**

A selection of unique wines, Esprit Leflaive was born in the 2018 vintage. At the crossroads of fabulous terroirs from Burgundy and an expertise in Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, Esprit Leflaive ventures beyond the Côte de Beaune and the Mâconnais, to Chablis and the Côte de Nuits, to explore the wider Burgundy.

#### **VINEYARDS**

This Premier Cru vineyard is on the northern part of Savigny-les-Beaune, a commune known primarily for its range of red wines. In fact, 90% of the production in this area is reds, although beautifully mineral whites of top quality can be found. This is a perfect example, sourced from this top appellation near the border with Pernand, having great mineral tension with the material underneath to round it out for aging.

## VINTAGE NOTES

After a particularly short winter, the months of February and March were almost spring-like, and dry, with a day of record heat for the season on the 27th of February. The vines registered the message of nature, woke up early, and started growing. However, the weather returned to seasonal cold days from 5th April. The season's firstmorning frost was followed by four other episodes lasting until 7th May. The summer of 2019 was one of the hottest to date with two heat waves: one at the end of June and the other at the end of July. It exceeded 40°C in some places and signs of burning appeared on some bunches. Fortunately, the month of August was cooler with rain on the 10th and 12th of August, allowing the vines some relief.

#### WINEMAKING

Manual harvesting, pneumatic pressing and alcoholic fermentation in oak barrels. Aged 12 months in oak barrels (including 20% new barrels) then 6 months in stainless steel vats.

# **TASTING NOTES**

Floral nose announcing an elegant and subtle wine. The palate is full and complex. The finish is very harmonious.

# **VINEYARD**

Region: Bourgogne

Sub-region: Côte de Beaune

Appellation: Savigny-lès-Beaune, Premier Cru, AOC

Climat: Les Vergelesses

Soil: Sandy marl and limestone

Age/Exposure: Planted 2009

South

Vineyard Area: 0.43 ha

Certifications: Organic, Ecocert 2018

#### WINEMAKING

Varietals: 100% Chardonnay

Harvest: Manual

1 year in oak barrels (20% new oak) then 6 months Aging:

in stainless steel vats

#### **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

Yeast: Native 13.5%

Alcohol:

