

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET DEPUIS 1717



# 2023 PULIGNY-MONTRACHET PREMIER CRU LES PUCELLES

# **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.

# **WINE**

This climat is located in the town of Puligny just north of the Bâtard and Bienvenues Bâtard Montrachet with the same altitude and soil. This climat is often considered as the best Premier in Puligny and can rival its neighbors in some vintages where its minerality will contrast with the intensity of the two Bâtards.

#### **VINEYARDS**

**Les Pucelles** – 3 parcels in Puligny-Montrachet, 3ha 06a (7.56 acres)

"le clos du meix": 26 ouvrées (2.77 acres), planted in 1981 and 1985

"la grande": 29.5 ouvrées (3.12 acres), planted in 1954, 1957, 1958, 1961, 1963

"la petite": 8.5 ouvrées (0.91 acre) planted in 1969

# VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 vintage was generous in quantity and balanced in quality, following the excellent 2022. A mild, dry winter was followed by a cool, wet spring that helped recharge water reserves. Conditions through mid-June were ideal for flowering. July brought a short heatwave and storms, with no vine damage. August saw wide temperature swings and a final heat spike mid-month, pushing ripeness quickly. Harvest began August 29 with a reduced team to stagger picking based on plot maturity. From September 2, picking accelerated. For the first time, harvests ended at 2 pm to avoid the heat, likely a new norm.

#### WINEMAKING

Long, gentle pneumatic pressing, decanting over 24 hours, then racking and running into cask of the must. Alcoholic fermentation in oak casks, 25% new (maximum 1/2 Vosges, minimum 1/2 Allier). After 12 months in cask, the wine is aged 6 months in tank where it is prepared for bottling. Fining and very light filtering if necessary.

#### **VINEYARD**

Region: Bourgogne
Sub-Region: Côte de Beaune

**Appellation**: Puligny Montrachet, Premier Cru, AOP

Climat: Les Pucelles
Soil: Calcareous clay

Age/Exposure: Planted in 1954, 1957, 1958, 1961, 1963, 1969, 1981, 1985

Southeast exposure

Altitude: 230m

Certifications: Organic - Ecocert 1992

Biodynamic - Biodyvin 1998

#### WINEMAKING

Varietals: 100% Chardonnay

Aging: 12 months in oak casks - 25% new,

followed by 6 months in stainless steel

# TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 13.5%

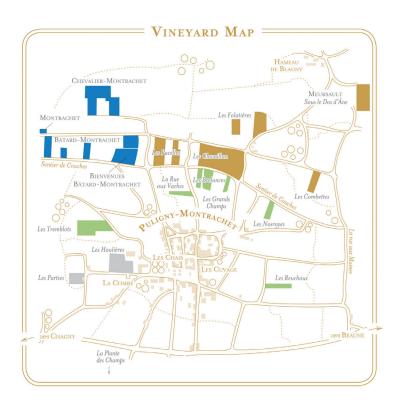




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GRANDS CRUS 4,8 HA

Montrachet Chevalier-Montrachet Bâtard-Montrachet Bienvenues Bâtard-Montrachet

PREMIERS CRUS 10,8 HA

Puligny-Montrachet Les Pucelles Puligny-Montrachet Les Combettes Puligny-Montrachet Les Folatières Puligny-Montrachet Le Clavoillon Meursault Sous le Dos d'Âne PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

VILLAGE 4,1 HA

Les Tremblots La Rue aux Vaches Les Brelances Les Grands Champs

Les Nosroyes

Les Reuchaux

BOURGOGNE BLANC 4,3 HA

Les Parties Les Houlières La Plante des Chamsps