



DOMAINE LEFLAIVE

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET
DEPUIS 1717

2016 PULIGNY-MONTRACHET PREMIER CRU CLAVOILLON

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

With ownership of over 85% of the climat and only one other family vinifying the Premier Cru Clavoillon, Domaine Leflaive controls the destiny of the name. Situated just north of Les Pucelles, this wine could have had a better fate if the vineyard wasn't planted to Pinot Noir for hundreds of years before phylloxera impacted the region. It is only in the early 20th century that it was replanted, and this time with Chardonnay.

VINEYARDS

Clavoillon – 1 parcel in Puligny-Montrachet, 4ha 79a (11.84 acres). Domaine Leflaive owns more than 85% of this Premier Cru Planted in 1959, 1960, 1962, 1972, 1973, 1981, 1983 and 1988.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 vintage began with a mild, dry winter and very early budbreak by mid-April. On April 27, a sudden frost combined with humidity and morning sun caused severe damage to the young buds, especially on the slopes and in premiers and grands crus. Montrachet lost up to 90% of its buds. May and June were rainy, encouraging mildew in weakened vines. Thankfully, sunny weather returned on June 21, just in time for flowering. The summer remained warm and dry, allowing unaffected parcels to mature beautifully. Harvest began on September 21. Quality was excellent—but yields were drastically low.

WINEMAKING

Long, gentle pneumatic pressing, decanting over 24 hours, then racking and running into cask of the must. Alcoholic fermentation in oak casks, 22% 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:	Clavoillon
Soil:	Calcareous clay
Age/Exposure:	Planted in 1959, 1960, 1962, 1972, 1973, 1981, 1983, 1988 Southeast exposure
Altitude:	225m
Certifications:	Organic - Ecocert 1992 Biodynamic - Biodyvin 1998

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Chardonnay
Aging:	12 months in oak casks - 22% new, followed by 6 months in stainless steel

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	13%
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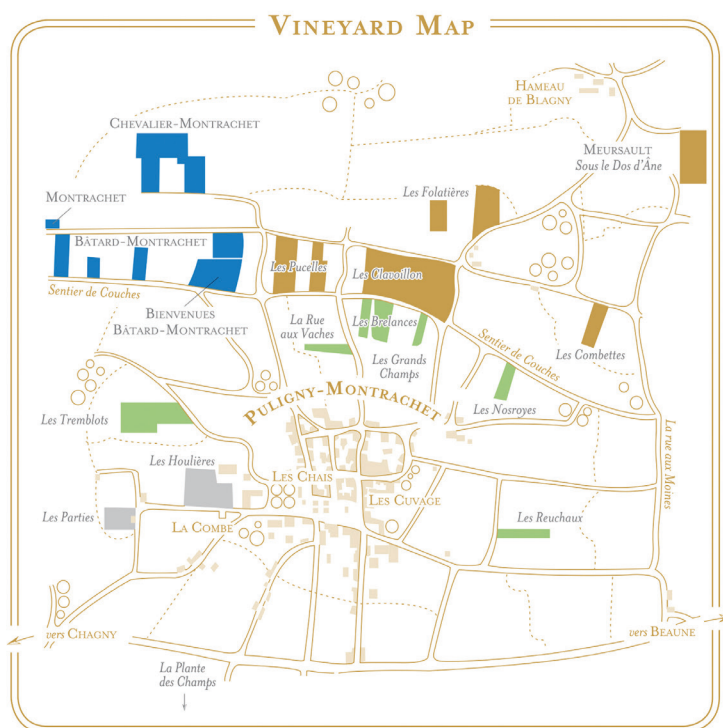
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GRANDS CRUS 4,8 HA

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 Champs

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