

# ESPRIT LEFLAIVE





# 2021 SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE PREMIER CRU, LES JARRONS

#### **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**

A little-known Premier Cru in a village with a significant proportion of the production devoted to the reds. Often dismissed for a perceived rusticity or simplicity, this is anything but. A wonderfully-crafted wine with some power but not lacking finesse.

### **VINTAGE NOTES**

The 2021 vintage faced challenging conditions with frost and humidity. After a cold winter and warm March, early vegetation was damaged by snow and frost. Cool, rainy weather through July slowed growth, but August brought warmth and sun. Despite weather challenges, the grapes achieved good maturity by harvest in late September, showing promise for the vintage.

#### WINEMAKING

Manual harvesting with partial whole bunch vinification, and long maceration in wooden vats with some manual punching down. Aged 15 months in oak barrels (including 25% in new barrels) then 3 months in stainless steel vats.

#### TASTING NOTES

Very intense wine. The liquorice and fine woody nose continues on the palate. The structure is dense and powerful but without hardness.

#### **VINEYARD**

Region: Bourgogne

Sub-region: Côte de Beaune

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

Climat: Les Jarrons

Soil: Limestone with sand

Age/Exposure: Planted 1940

Northeast

Vineyard Area: 0.60 ha

Certifications: Organic, Ecocert 2018

#### WINEMAKING

Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir

Harvest: Manual

Aging: 15 months in oak barrels (25% new oak),

then 3 months in stainless steel vats

## **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

Yeast: Native

Alcohol: 13%