

Albert Joly





Burgundy, France



Profile

Sylvie Prevot-Joly took over the estate from her father Albert in 2007 and started estate bottling at that time. Working together with her brother-in-law Gilles, she still sells 80-85% of her fruit to negociants, so the production under the Joly label is quite limited. Hopefully this will change as the reputation of the domaine starts to gather some well-deserved steam. They produce pure, classic Puligny - crisp whites with supple fruit and great energy and a purity of precision and minerality that could only come from Puligny.

Details

-  Chardonnay
-  Clay, limestone, calcareous gravel
-  0.55 ha
-  50-year-old vines



Puligny-Montrachet Les Charmes

This special lieu-dit sits on the border of Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault. In fact, it is the continuation of Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes, but on the Puligny side. The soils are deeper on this side of Puligny than throughout the rest of the commune and features alternating layers of clay and limestone covered with a considerable amount of calcareous gravel. This lends a great deal of fruit and richness to the wine.

Winemaking for Sylvie is fairly straightforward and gloriously light handed. Whole cluster pressed and sent to barrel to ferment. Albert Joly enjoys a very rare, very small, underground cellar. Here the wines ferment in the painfully cold environment. This, combined with the warmth of barrel fermentation, allows the yeast to develop an almost Meursault-like reduction—matchstick and savory.

Here is a little spice, ripe essence of pear and acacia blossom and a little more width of aroma than a typical Puligny, more depth and layers of flavor too. The fresh, intense, and well-delineated medium-bodied flavors are fine-grained with good mid-palate density before concluding with touches of warmth and lemon zest.

Finer Points

- 350 cases produced on average
- 35 cases imported
- Fairly Limited
- A Meursault tinged Puligny

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