

Violot-Guillemard





Burgundy, France



Profile

Founded by Joannès Faivre in the 1880s the domaine has come full circle as Joannès Violot-Guillemard has become the 5th generation to head the estate. Son of the iconic Thierry, he carries on his father's well-known passion for cultivating vineyards with integrity and sincerity and without any herbicides or pesticides. "No great wines without fine grapes" is the family motto. Proud of the heritage passed down by their ancestors, they keep a healthy terroir, capable of giving each of the wines its unique traits. Low oak. Wild yeast ferments. Pure.

Details

-  Pinot Noir
-  Marl and limestone
-  0.3 ha
-  60-year-old vines



Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches

From a parcel of Beaune 1er cru facing south-east mid-slope. Bees were once called "Honey Flies", and many hives once bordered this clos. The reds are supple and silky wines, very elegant with a very good length.

As the harvests are increasingly precocious due to climate change, Joannès and Thierry find it is often necessary to do a few days of cold soak, pre-fermentation for just a few days. Fermentation takes place in wooden vats for about 10 days when temperatures can rise to 32-34°C. Maceration continues for a few days until the vat cools down to 20-22°C. Pneumatic pressing, 2 days of settling and then sent to barrels for 14 to 18 months—50% new oak.

The application of wood is sufficiently subtle to allow the high-toned and delicate red pinot fruit, currant, and softly spicy aromas to shine. There is a cool and restrained mouth feel to the well-delineated middle weight flavors that deliver fine depth and length on the well-balanced finish. This wine always delivers an elegant approach and is fashioned in an understated style.

Finer Points

- 200 cases produced on average
- 10 cases imported
- Extremely Limited
- Truly one of the great 1er Crus of Beaune

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