

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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
-  0.49 ha
-  50-year-old vines



## Pommard 1er Cru Les Premiers

From a parcel of Pommard 1er cru facing south-east the vineyard is clay over limestone with larger chunks of limestone scattered throughout. It sits on the border with Volnay (when it crosses the border the lieu-dit changes to "Frémiets") giving this Pommard its more elegant touch.

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 proximity to Volnay gives the wine a cooler and quite pretty nose that combines notes of plum, red, and dark raspberry along with spice and floral top notes. The finer and more seductively textured medium-bodied flavors sit on top of a layer of underlying tension.

## Finer Points

- 200 cases produced on average
- 20 cases imported
- Fairly Limited
- Feminine styled Pommard

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