

Domaine de la Vieille Fontaine

1er Cru "Les Crêts"



VINTAGE	2018
REGION	Burgundy
APPELLATION	Mercurey 1er Cru
VARIETAL	100% Pinot Noir
ALCOHOL	14.50%
TERROIR	Predominant deep calcareous Clay
INFO	<p>8 Ha (19.76 Acres) total vineyard & 4.5 Ha (11.11 Acres) devoted to "Les Crêts", within 7 plots, planted in 1962</p> <p>Hand harvested August 31st 2018</p> <p>100% de-stemming - 6 days pre-cold maceration - daily pumping over & punching - 25 days Vinification then 12 months ageing in 500 L oak barrels from Rousseau / Gevrey Chambertin renewed 60%</p> <p>Sustainable Agriculture Practices</p>

About the Estate:

Instituted in 1923, Mercurey - situated in the heart of the Côte Chalonnaise (12 kilometres from Chalon-sur-Saône) - is one the foremost appellations of Bourgogne. Protected from moisture-bearing winds, tucked away in its hillsides or stretched along the aptly-named "Golden Valley" the vineyards stretch as far as the neighbouring village of Saint-Martin-sous-Montaigu.

Located in Mercurey village, the Domaine de la VIEILLE FONTAINE 4 hectares vineyard spreads over the Appellations Bouzeron, Mercurey White and Red & Mercurey White & Red 1er Cru. Backing slopes or spreading within gentle dales (as shown on pictures), the terroir is mostly made of limestone-clay.

Having trained as an accountant, David Déprés turned to wine making working with the elders. After 4 years of practical experience, he decided to start learning the theory at the wine-making high school of Beaune and set up his first estate in 1996 in Bouzeron on about ten hectares in appellations Bouzeron and Rully. 90 % of the volume produced were sold in bulk.

In 2004, he set up his current estate Domaine de la Vieille Fontaine in Mercurey on 4 hectares in appellations Bouzeron, Mercurey, Premier Cru Mercurey in white and Burgundy, Premier Cru Rully cloux, Premier Cru Mercurey and Mercurey in red.

The whole estate is cultivated following sustainable agriculture practices with a big work of the soils. No more chemical weed killer have been used since the beginning of 2000s to favor the expression of the terroir. 2018 is a great vintage; despite the very warm summer, proper vinification keeps freshness & delicacy, with a 3 to 6 years ageing potential.

Tasting Notes:

Tasted right after the bottling, was already so seductive! Soft and silky nose on dark cherries, gooseberries, licorice and more fruitiness to come. Very mellow & soft palate, with licorice and harmonious balance. Powerful length already reflecting the aging potential.

Press Review: Soon to come.