

Marcel Couturier

POUILLY-LOCHÉ

"VIEILLES VIGNES"

Plot

This great white wine is made from the Chardonnay grape variety. This plot has deep, very clayey soil (60%) and very little limestone. This vintage is made from several plots registered in the village of Loché located in Southern Burgundy in the Mâconnais.

Wine

The vines of this vine are aged 90 years or more overall.

The Domaine's vines are certified in organic and biodynamic agriculture, the soils of this plot are worked several times a year. The different varieties of plants present spontaneously are mowed. In the vineyards, the treatments are natural (sulphur and copper) at low doses, associated with decoctions and plant manure to promote the natural protective action. The 500P and 501 preparations are applied throughout the vegetative phase of the vine.

We carry out severe and manual disbudding, the aim of which is to control yields and improve the formation of Pousard pruning plants, as well as picking between the vines. We use several methods to protect the grapes during their development, such as weaving the vines in hot years, which allows them to be kept in the shade, and conversely rigorous cutting in rainy years. .

The addition of biodynamic compost, made on the estate with grape marc, horse and cattle manure, complements the green manure plantings between the rows. This method allows for a significant supply of naturally occurring and humic nitrogen, thanks to mixtures of plant varieties (clover, field peas, radishes, faba beans, rye).

Winemaking

During the harvest, the grapes are picked at maturity and harvested entirely by hand. Pressing is pneumatic in whole bunches, followed by static settling in 2 times before being put into must. Fermentation takes place in oak barrels, coming from French forests, and frequently ends in the spring of the following year.

Bottling often takes place in August, after a minimum of 11 months of aging.

The doses of sulfur used respect the DEMETER specifications (>90) and are often between 60 and 80 of Total SO₂.

Tasting Notes

Color: Pale gold.

Nose: This vintage reveals intense aromas of small white flowers, white fruits, fresh butter and toasted hazelnuts.

Mouth: Supple, fresh, mineral, with a touch of fat which rounds the corners well. An elegant and harmonious ensemble.



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