

# DOMAINE de MONTILLE



## Beaune 1er Cru Les Aigrots

2022

**Color** white

**Grape variety** chardonnay

**Surface area** 0.49 ha

**Production** 3600

**Share of new barrels** 15%

**Alcohol** 12,5%

### The appellation

Contrary to unfortunate appearances, the word “Aigrots” has nothing to do with the terms “Aigre/Aigreur” (sour/bitterness) but rather refers to the presence of holly, a thorny shrub, which comes from Latin “Argifolium”. Our 0.49-ha plot is located at the foot of the hillside, on clay, marl-limestone soil, with a gentle slope. It produces a fruity, ample and generous wine that generally drinks well young.

### The wine and the style

After a light settling, the musts are put into 228 and 600-liter-barrels to complete the alcoholic and malolactic fermentations. We work with 5 to 20% new barrels with wood coming mostly from Allier, light toasting. The wines are racked about a year later before being transferred to stainless steel vats for the second phase of their aging in order to retain freshness and minerality.

### Vine growing

Organic since 1995 and biodynamic since 2005. All our wines are certified by Ecocert.



### **The vintage**

2022 embraces both quality and generosity, and reveals a vibrant and incredibly seductive profile with crunchy fruitiness.

Autumn and winter are mild with temperatures already higher than normal for the season and low rainfall. Temperatures continue to rise as months go by, reaching new heights with no less than four heatwave episodes but thankfully, although rare, the rains are sufficient and the vine keeps growing in the best possible conditions. The harvest begins in the last week of August. The hot and dry weather help limit the number of treatments to twice, three times less than the year before. The grapes are healthy, impeccable and the desired balance is there thanks to the light showers that fell in mid-August.

The aromas of fresh red fruit, the already silky tannins and the incredible energy seal a flamboyant future for this promising and already very accessible vintage. As for the whites, great balance once more, with a fruitiness that is both ripe and deliciously fresh.

### **Tasting note**

The bouquet is explosive and fragrant. It exudes notes of yellow fruits and citrus fruits with a pastry touch that reveals the resolutely generous character of this terroir. On the palate, the deliciousness of the aromas works wonders combined with a freshness full of energy. A mouthwatering saline hint completes the picture of this particularly harmonious Aigrots.