

# DOMAINE de MONTILLE



## Beaune 1er Cru Les Grèves

2023

**Color** red

**Grape variety** pinot noir

**Surface area** 1,26 ha

**Production** 6 500

**Share of whole harvest** 50%

**Share of new barrels** 15%

**Alcohol** 12,5%

### The appellation

"Les Grèves" refers to gravelly lands and can be considered as a derivative of "graves", a type of friable rock, fine scree associated with clays. This cru of about 20 hectares, located in the heart of the hillside, is considered the best 1er cru in Beaune. The best part of the plot is in the heart of the AOC. Our plot is located in the southern extension of Maison Bouchard Père et Fils's "Vigne de l'Enfant Jésus".

### The wine and the style

Today's style remains faithful to Hubert's classic and terroir-driven approach, with greater aromatic expression, silkier and more unctuous textures in the reds, allowing them to drink earlier, without compromising their ability to age. The domaine is known in Burgundy for using a significant proportion of whole clusters that varies from one to cuvée to another depending on the plant material and the vintage.

### Vine growing

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

### **The vintage**

After 2022, another year that brings joy to our hearts. Free from major climatic turmoil, graced by a gentle winter and a splendid spring bloom, 2023 quickly hinted at a generous harvest to come. Summer unfolded like a mysterious dance—between waves of heat and refreshing coolness, dry spells and sudden, stormy rains. The harvest reached its full potential, with varying ripeness from one plot to another, making 2023 a vintage that reveals, more than ever, the singular soul of each terroir.

We began picking on Thursday, August 31st—ten days earlier than we had first anticipated at the start of summer—for a harvest that lasted two full weeks. Picked at dawn, the fruit was beautiful, healthy, and plentiful, both in whites and reds. The generosity allowed for a meticulous selection of only the finest bunches. The alcoholic fermentations began effortlessly, as if guided by nature's quiet hand.

In red, whole clusters were used a little more sparingly than last year. The result is a profile of great elegance—fresh and supple, floral and fine, with vibrant notes of raspberry and red cherry. The aromas and color are charming and refined. Open-knit and silky, the 2023 vintage calls to mind the finesse of 2017, but with deeper color and greater structure.

### **Tasting note**

50% whole bunch vinification. Attractive lighter purple, deliciously perfumed, full of both ripe raspberry fruit and energy behind, good Grèves gravelly tannins and some acidity.

Drinking window: 2029-2036 | Rating: 91-93 | Jasper Morris