

# DOMAINE de MONTILLE



## Corton Clos du Roi Grand Cru

2023

**Color** red

**Grape variety** pinot noir

**Surface area** 0,84 ha

**Production** 3 200

**Share of whole harvest** 66%

**Share of new barrels** 35%

**Alcohol** 13%

### The appellation

The hill of Corton's perfect curves produce the only red grand crus of the Côte de Beaune. The finest of all the Corton wines, the "Clos du Roi", is exposed on the south-eastern side of the hill, mid-slope and benefits from top quality clay-limestone soils. Our plot is located just above the path which separates "les Bressandes" from "Clos du Roi".

### 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**

Two thirds whole bunch vinification. A vibrant mid purple. This is sensual on a large scale yet with well-defined structure, partly from the stems and partly where it comes from. A long suave and fine finish.

Drinking window: 2031-2038 | Rating: 92-95 | Jasper Morris