

# DOMAINE de MONTILLE



## Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrières

2023



**Color** white

**Grape variety** chardonnay

**Surface area** 0.45 ha

**Production** 3 100

**Share of new barrels** 30%

**Alcohol** 13%

**The appellation** Among the Meursault Premiers Crus, some stand above the pack: Les Charmes, Les Genevrières, and of course Les Perrières, the most sought-after climat, regularly seen as the natural candidate for a possible reclassification as Grand Cru. The term Perrière refers to stone quarries. This wine has a remarkable minerality, superior to all the other Premiers Crus produced in Meursault and which, on this point, brings it closer to the great wines of Puligny. Our 0.45-ha plot of Meursault Perrières is located in the upper part of the cru and produces a dense and vertical wine. The nose is above all mineral and stony with complex notes of white flowers and hawthorn. The mouthfeel is concentrated and structured with impressive length.

### **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**

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 white, 2023 is a shining vintage—sunny yet well-balanced. The grapes, ripe and healthy, exude irresistible aromas of indulgent fruit. On the palate, the wines are expressive and harmonious, with pleasant freshness thanks to the relatively early harvest.

### **Tasting note**

The 2023 Meursault Les Perrières 1er Cru has a flinty bouquet with subtle smoky scents, gently unfolding with aeration. The palate is well balanced with plenty of extract on the entry, fine acidity, impressive depth and a harmonious finish with a touch of bitter lemon and grapefruit. Excellent.

Drinking window: 2025-2045 | Rating: 91-93 | Neal Martin, VINOUS