

DOMAINE de MONTILLE



Volnay 1er Cru Les Taillepieds

2023

Color red

Grape variety pinot noir

Surface area 1,51 ha

Production 7 300

Share of whole harvest 66%

Share of new barrels 25%

Alcohol 13%

The appellation

Famous "Les Taillepieds" gets its name from the small sharp stones that "cut your feet" when spading the earth. The cru is located in the middle of the hillside, facing South-East, with light brown clay and abundant small pebbles. It has little to envy the great wines of the Côte de Nuits. It is a model of aromatic purity, precision and thoroughness. Its mineral character, its purity, its firmness and its elegance evoke a Cistercian construction which, like the abbeys, seems to defy time.

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

2/3 whole cluster but shaped very differently. This is a much richer wine and the fruit swamps the stems. Generous cherry and raspberry, effortless balance, a beautiful bottle of Volnay in the making. The flavours come back in waves.

Drinking window: 2030-2038 | Rating: 93-95 | Jasper Morris