

# DOMAINE de MONTILLE



## Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Aux Malconsorts "Christiane"

2023

**Color** red

**Grape variety** pinot noir

**Surface area** 0,49 ha

**Production** 2 070

**Share of whole harvest** 66%

**Share of new barrels** 45%

**Alcohol** 13%

### The appellation

Our second plot is vinified and bottled separately under the name "Christiane", as a tribute to Hubert's wife and Étienne's mother, who passed in 2008. Christiane spent her life bending over backwards for the family estate. This plot enjoys a unique geographic location, nestled like an enclave bordered by original "la Tâche" and two paths. It should be noted that despite this geographic and cadastral singularity, this plot is not, and has never historically been part of "La Tâche". Yet, the nose expresses darker fruit (blackcurrant, cherry), with more spice and minerality. The palate is denser, sappier, with a tighter more serious tannin structure. Its aging potential being higher than its twin sister's, it requires a bit more patience.

### 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**

90% whole cluster. Slightly deeper purple and a little oak on the nose in this sample. What a wealth of fruit, also oakier, fills every part of the palate, with an astonishing wealth of flavour. Noticeably more structure, and a wider array of fruit with blueberries and bilberries. Wonderful length of course.

Drinking window: 2032-2043 | Rating: 96-98 | Jasper Morris