



DOMAINE SÉBASTIEN MAGNIEN BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ



No relation to the Côtes de Nuits Magniens, young Sébastien comes instead from Meloisey in the Hautes Côtes de Beaune where he still source most of his fruits.

This promising winegrower, highly spoken of by the Bourgogne connoisseurs, settled his estate in 2003 in the heart of the capital of the great Bourgogne white, in Meursault. Starting in 1983 – Sébastien was only 2 – and for 2 decades his parents acquired meticulously 6 acres of vines in the most prestigious appellations of the Côtes de Beaune. With his mother Brigitte they now farm 25 acres of land (20 acres of Pinot Noir) in 9 appellations that includes the renowned Volnay, Pommard or Puligny-Montrachet.

His style is true to the most classical Burgundian tradition with a hands off winemaking that let the terroir speak and the fruit shine. His approach to oak is minimalist using it only for oxygenation in order to soften the tannins and open up the wine.

SOIL TYPE

Limestone combined with marl.

Vineyard of altitude in the Hautes Cotes de Beaune part of the original family estate.

VARIETAL

100 % Aligoté grape. 70 years old vines planted by Sébastien's grand-father.

CULTURE

Organic farming with no pesticides. Soils are ploughed mechanically.

Disbudding, Green harvest and manual leaf thinning.

Grapes are harvested by hand in small cases and sorted on a sorting table.

VINIFICATION

Pneumatic pressing. "Debourbage" (clarification) at cold temperature. Fermentation happens in stainless steel tank. The wine is allowed to settle for 6 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

These old vines of Aligoté give natural low yields of high quality fruit. The resulting wine is surprisingly rich and complex. On the palate that richness is followed by hints of lime zest, juniper berry, sappy minerality and very nice herbal acidity. Paired with food, a creamy lemon custard nuance emerges.

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Hautes Côtes de Beaune Blanc

Meursault "Les Meix Chavaux"

Puligny Montrachet 1er cru "Les Folatières"

Bourgogne Rouge

Hautes Côtes de Beaune "Clos de la Perrière"

Beaune 1er Cru Les Aigrots

Pommard "Les Petits Noizons"

