

## DOMAINE HENRI DELAGRANGE

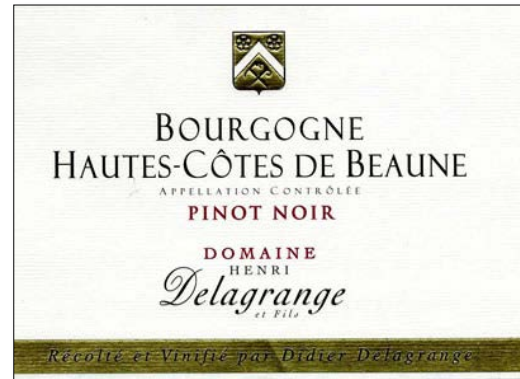
The Delagrange coat of arms dates back to 1570. The family has been vineyard owners from this time forward. They were not themselves making the wine until more recently, a mere four generations. The border between the villages of Volnay and Pommard, where a good part of the Domaine's vines are situated, is perhaps one of the most interesting geological contrasts in all of Burgundy. Here, the slopes of Volnay produce Pinot Noir that is lacy, delicate and fragrant. A few hundred feet away, where the slopes flatten out, the soil of Pommard gives the same grape variety muscle and concentration.



Didier owns 14 hectares of vines in the communes of Volnay, Pommard, Aloxe Corton, Meursault and Haute Cote de Beaune. The famous 1er Cru "Clos des Chenes" vineyard of Volnay is 15ha of vines and Didier can boast one of the best plots located right in the center. The first principle that Didier adheres to in his winemaking is that the majority of the work is done in the vineyard. We hear this time and time again. However, the amount of manual labor that Didier performs in his vineyards is remarkable. Leaves are thinned by hand multiple times to remove those that shade the bunches. His canopy is trellised unusually high to counteract the severe lower thinning so that photosynthesis isn't stunted. And, using sustainable cultivation methods, he ploughs the soil and uses only organic fertilizers.

In the cellar he uses new oak only sparingly. Didier's main focus is to make wines that have very rich and precise aromatics as well as very pure fruit. We think he succeeds every year.

## HAUTES-COTES DE BEAUNE ROUGE



**Varietal/Blend:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Farming:** soil tilling and cover grass / sustainable

**Elevation / Exposure:** 280-450m / S

**Soil:** reddish stony marl

**Ave. Year Vines Planted:** 2005

**Yeast:** selected natural

**Fermentation:** 100% de-stemmed, 15 days in temperature controlled open top fermenters with occasional punch downs

**Aging:** 10 months / 60% in oak vats and 40% in steel tanks

**Alcohol:** 12.5%

**Fined:** light

**Filtered:** light

The Hautes-Cotes de Beaune AOC is located on slopes west of Beane from Maranges to Ladoix-Serrigny, at an altitude of 280 to 450 meters. Pinot Noir covers 680 hectares and produces red and rose wines. The AOC was created officially in 1961. There is a succession of hills and valleys with lower slopes of nacreous limestone, on the slopes there is limestone with reddish marl and on the hilltops clay and hard limestone.

**Country:** France

**Region:** Burgundy

**Sub Region:** Haute-Cotes de Beaune

**Vineyard:** (see above)

**Vineyard Size:** 3.35 ha. / 10,000 vines per ha.