

## 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. the wine is racked into a blending tank, cold stabilized and bottled unfiltered.

## POMMARD 1ER CRU "LES BERTINS"



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

**Farming:** lutte raisonnée

**Soil:** Scree and Bathonian marl

**Altitude / Exposure:** 300m / SE

**Trellis System:** Guyot

**Ave. Year Vines Planted:** 1970, density of 10K vines/ha

**Yeast:** ambient

**Fermentation:** 100% de-stemmed / 18 days in temperature controlled open top fermenters with occasional punch downs / transferred to 20% new oak and 80% used barrels

**Aging:** 15 months, including 12 months in oak vats

**Alcohol:** 13.0%

**Fined:** light

**Filtered:** light filtering of 50%

Pommard lies between Beaune and Volnay. The vineyard lies on an east to south-east facing slope at an altitude of between 250 and 330 meters. The production area covers 320 hectares. It was one of the first AOC dating back to 1936 and is red wine only. In the center of the Pommard area there are marls that are well-drained by stony subsoil. A little higher there are Oxfordian marls. Les Bertins Premier Cru is one of the best vineyards in Pommard. It covers 3 hectares. It is a rare wine, partly because of the small area under vine and partly because of the quality of the land in the middle of the slope on the edge of Volnay which produces very low yields.

**Country:** France

**Region:** Burgundy

**Sub Region:** Pommard

**Vineyard:** 1er Cru Les Bertins

**Vineyard Size:** 0.45 hectares