

DOMAINE JEAN-BAPTISTE PONSOT

Jean-Baptiste Ponsot farms a total 8.5 hectares in the Rully AOP with a deep respect for the land that his family has been fostering for three generations. He employs organic practices but hasn't sought out certification, preferring instead to prioritize the intrinsic health of the ecosystem and his vines. Domaine Ponsot's holdings cover parts of three Rully premier crus in Burgundy: Molesme, Montpalais, and La Fosse. In addition to the 1er cru parcels, Ponsot farms 2.83 hectares in the "En Bas de Vauvry" Monopole as well as another 0.46 ha in "Rully Village" vineyards



Domaine Ponsot was established by Lucien Ponsot in 1954 without essentially releasing a commercial "Domaine Ponsot" bottling. Lucien's son, Bernard, had gradually expanded the family's vineyard plots and selling the fruit to Olivier Leflaive. The stewardship transferred to Jean-Baptiste in 2000 when he was 20 years old. Since then Ponsot has been pursuing the establishment of a Domaine Ponsot ethos by small steps.



When Ponsot assumed control of the domaine, he started to gradually plant the underutilized parcels of land owned by the estate. Valuing the health of the soil and environment, Ponsot does not use insecticide, herbicides, or harsh antifungals. Any synthetic treatments are mindfully chosen over organic alternatives on the basis that the specific synthetic products are less intrusive than the organically derived ones. He is using copper at half the rate of his neighbors, supplementing the spray schedule with preventative and homeopathic methods.

RULLY 1ER CRU "MOLESME"



Varietal/Blend: Chardonnay

Farming: sustainable with organic practices

Soil: clayey limestone soil

Exposure: E-S-E

Trellis System: Guyot

Harvest Technique: by hand based on timing of lunar cycles

Ave. Year Vines Planted: 2000

Fermentation: must goes directly into barrels after settling for 24 hours / fermentation in a cool, temperature-controlled environment

Malolactic: full malolactic fermentation in barrel

Ageing: in barrel till the end of the following August / racked to tank until November / bottling based on timing of lunar cycle

Alcohol: 13%

Fined: yes

Filtered: yes

Jean-Baptiste is not interested in expanding his business. Rather, he is content with perfecting the long chain between the vine and the glass. It is a bold decision for a young grower who began without a single bottle with the domaine's name on it to producing only 100% bottled wines—wines that cohere to the style of viticulture Ponsot practices. The goal is to produce wines with combativeness and intensity of depth, and the wines are considered "precise, taut and ripe."

Country: France

Region: Burgundy

Sub Region: Rully

Vineyard: Molesme 1er Cru vineyard

Vineyard Size: 3.25ha (1.625 white grapes)