

DOMAINE HEITZ-LOCHARDET

Domaine Heitz-Lochardet started in 1857 with the Nie-Vantey family, owners of many vineyards from Santenay to Clos de Vougeot. Post-phyloxera, many of the vineyards were sold, but the best Cote de Beaune vineyards were kept in the family by Georges Lochardet. Two generations later, Brigitte Lochardet married Christian Heitz and her share of the family vineyards, 5ha, became Heitz-Lochardet, which Brigitte organically farmed.



For the next 25 years, Brigitte rented the totality of her vines to Maison Joseph Drouhin. As Armand Heitz, the next generation, completed his oenology studies in 2011, he began recuperating his mother's vineyards and converting them to full biodynamic practices. A young man with knowledge beyond his years, he completed his first vintage in 2013, guided by consulting oenologist Ludovic Pierrot who spent eight years at the legendary Domaine Leflaive, working alongside Anne-Claude Leflaive, the matriarch of Biodynamics in the Cote d'Or. Ludovic is actively assisting Armand with his plan to bring his 5ha of vineyards to production in three stages. He made five wines in 2013, a total of eight wines in 2014 and will bring the last two vineyards to bottle in 2015. The villages that Heitz-Lochardet produce are Chassagne-Montrachet, Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru, Meursault, Pommard and Volnay. Additionally there is a small amount of Bourgogne Rouge and Blanc.

The wines are aromatic, extremely balanced and expressive of their terroir - classic nods to old-school Burgundy winemaking practices. All Armand's wines are whole cluster fermentations because he firmly believes that a wine's essence is derived from the totality of the vine. Each component of the vine, from roots to leaves to stems, skins and pulp, plays an important role in a living wine.

Meursault "Gruyaches"



Varietal/Blend: Chardonnay

Farming Practices: biodynamic with agroecology and regenerative agriculture principles

Elevation / Exposure: 200m / SE

Soil: shallow Comblanchien limestone and clay soils

Vine Training: cordon de Royat

Harvest Technique: by hand in small crates

Ave Year Vines Were Planted: 1976

Yeast: ambient

Fermentation: whole-cluster pressed to tank

Malolactic: full

Maturation: 11-12 months in used oak with lees stirring

Sulfur: 80mg/L

Vegan: no

Alcohol: 13%

Fined: casein

Filtered: light

Country: France

Region: Burgundy

Subregion: Meursault

Vineyard: Gruyaches (0.3024 ha.)

"History and tradition: Disappeared in the depths of the ground at the height of Nuits-Saint-Georges, the hard limestone of Comblanchien reappears in Meursault. These excellent vineyard lands were highlighted by the monks of Cîteaux from 1098.

Soil: here the soil is richer in clay and the amount of pebbles is weaker. The wines from this terroir are usually more dense and greedy."

- Winemaker's Notes