



DOMAINE FRANÇOIS RAQUILLET

Grands Vins de Bourgogne

MERCUREY ROUGE

Vieilles Vignes

Although coming from old vines, we develop a delicious, voluptuous wine with notes of fresh fruits, and a smooth and unctuous texture. The wine can be opened from its 1st year, ageing does not affect its elegance. A pleasurable wine that can be enjoyed from the first few years.



APPELLATION — *Mercurey*

VARIETY — *Pinot noir*

SITUATION — *This cuvée comes from three south and east facing plots: les Chazeaux, les Ormeaux, and le Meix.*

AREA — *2 ha*

SOL — *From marls with little limestone*

AVERAGE AGE — *60 years*

CULTIVATION PRACTICES

2 plots, les Ormeaux and les Chazeaux, out of the three are pruned according to the Cordon de Royat method. Le Meix is simple Guyot pruned.

The soil is cultivated mechanically with several tillage operations a year. The vine is debudded to provide light in the middle and obtain optimum health for grapes. Leaves are removed from the vine. This work is an alternative solution to using anti-botrytis. The grapes are picked by hand and placed in boxes. They are then sorted on a table. These are very early vines that are often the first to be harvested.

VINIFICATION

Completely destemmed then gravity fed into stainless steel containers, the grapes are then placed in vats for cold (12°) pre-fermentation maceration for 5 days. Fermentation occurs naturally with indigenous yeasts present on the grapes and in the fermenting cellar. Alcoholic fermentation in vats and malolactic fermentation in barrels. Very little punching down of the cap, pumping over twice a day on a daily basis is preferred. Devatting after 12 to 15 days followed by pressing.

AGEING

Pressed juice and free-run juice are combined before being kept in barrels for 12 months (20% new barrels). After light filtration, the wine is bottled.

SERVING

Drink slightly chilled at 16° either young for fruitiness or more developed after 4 to 6 years for its complexity.



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