

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

REGION: FRANCE - BURGUNDY



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It's impossible to discuss Chassagne-Montrachet without mentioning the name Bernard Moreau. Year to year, this celebrated producer vinifies and bottles some of the purest, most thought-provoking wines of the appellation. Employing a style of wine making that might best be described as hands-off, Bernard produces Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays that are sensual, opulent and utterly delicious.

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Chardonnay			4 ha
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THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Total Size: 172.7 ha (426.6 acres) village vineyards

Winery Holdings: 4.0 ha (9.88 acres) Whites

Home to 3 Grand Cru vineyards, 16 Premier Cru Climats and 47 AOC Lieux-dits.

Puligny-Montrachet is to the north, Saint-Aubin to the northwest and Santenay to the south. The Grand Cru vineyards grow only white grapes. The Premier Cru and AOC vineyards are planted to both red and white grapes.

Approximately 66% of the wine produced in the Chassagne-Montrachet appellation is Chardonnay. Per AOC regulations the allowed base yield is 45 hectoliter per 1 ha (2.47 acre) for white wine. The grapes must reach a maturity of at least 11.0 per cent potential alcohol for village-level white wine and 11.5 per cent for Premier Cru white wine.

This village is mentioned in 886 as *in Cassaneas* «in the oak woods». It is Latin *Cassanea* «oak grove, oak tree wood» translated literally from the Gallic *Cassanos*. The oak tree had a symbolic and sacred value for the Gauls; oak trees were linked to the ritual practices and religious beliefs of the Druids. Until 1879, the village was known as Chassagne-le-Haut. After that it was entitled to append the village name with the Grand Cru Climat: Montrachet.

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A variety of plots contribute to this blend, with approximately 1/3rd of the grapes sourced from in and around Les Mesures which is situated near Morgeot, east of Les Champgains and south of D 113a.

This is the largest cuvee of the domaine with production around 2,000 cases. The wine is sourced from both sides of appellation, about 1/3 is from below Chassagne-Montrachet Morgeot and Champgains (offering minerality), and 2/3 from near the border of Puligny-Montrachet (offering freshness and fruitiness). The grapes are blended together at the press.

Winemaker's Notes

This is a powerful white Chassagne which benefits from one to two years in the bottle.

GENERAL INFO

Country	France
Region	Burgundy
Appellation(s)	Chassagne-Montrachet, Volnay, St Aubin
Proprietors	Bernard Moreau
Founded	1809
Winemaker	Alex Moreau
Annual Production	8,000 9 L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable