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CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1ER CRU LES

VERGERS

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REGION: FRANCE - BURGUNDY



GRAPES / SOILS

Chardonnay		Slate, rocky with limestone	N/A
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THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Total Size: 9.40 ha (23.25 acres)

Winery Holdings: Purchased fruit – area (hectares) varies

The Les Vergers vineyard is mostly easterly-facing and composed of three *climats*: Les Vergers, Les Pasquelles and Peringeret. Producing a wine that develops with age, Les Vergers is flatter than the upslope vineyard and the soil is lighter than in the vineyards downslope; it is situated just under 853 feet in elevation. Both red and white grapes are allowed.

Verge is from Latin *Virid* [!] *Arium* which is land planted with fruit trees. This was an ancient fruit orchard.

Bernard Moreau

Slate, very rocky soil and lots of limestone. Vergers is often the vineyard with the highest acidity and lowest ph. Wines can be very austere in cold vintages and very balanced in warmer vintages. Characteristics of the vineyard in the wine are very consistent vintage to vintage.

Winemaker's Notes

The 1er Cru Chardonnays are barrel fermented and aged in French oak barrels (10%-30% new). The wine spends between 12 and 18 months in wood with regular lees stirring for added texture. Says Bernard, "The spirit of our winemaking is to not touch the wine too often. For Chardonnay our aim is to produce very clean and precise wines which are not too austere. We like the minerality and purity."

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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.

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