

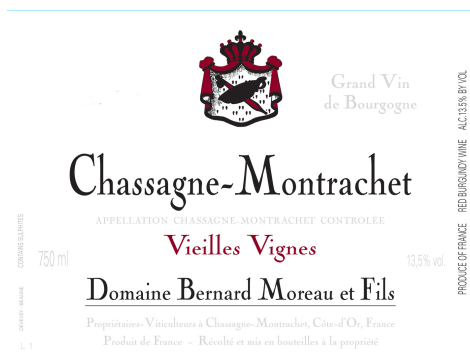
Domaine Bernard Moreau et Fils

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET VIEILLES VIGNES

ROUGE

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REGION: FRANCE - BURGUNDY



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Pinot Noir	Planted 1960-1965		3.7 ha
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THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Total Size: 180 ha (445 acres) village vineyards

Winery Holdings: 3.7 ha (9.14 acres) Reds

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.

Bernard Moreau

The vineyards are also located in Chassagne-Montrachet, and these are specifically just below Pierres. From old vines 50-55 years of age.

Winemaker's Notes

Alex tries to be very gentle with the wine to avoid coarse tannins. He reduced the oak treatment since 2011 from 30% to 25% to avoid dried out tannins.

DOMAINE BERNARD MOREAU ET FILS

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