

• MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE •



GRANDS VINS DE BOURGOGNE BY NICOLAS POTEL

HISTORY

There are different and uncertain theories about the etymology of Meursault.

People say that Meursault derives from *muris saltus*, meaning a jump or rat wood. At the beginning, Rat meant the name of the forest which covered the place.

For many others, Meursault means : high walls or great walls. It could also derive from the German word *Mauerwald* which means : "enclosed wall wood".

Or it could derive from *mar salix*, the male willow or the "saule marsault". So Meursault could originate from a willow plantation. In the past, one used the willow wood to make some stakes for the vines...

THE 2009 VINTAGE

2009 was a glorious year in many ways: Spring was rather mild. The flowering took place in ideal weather conditions, warm and sunny. Summer was characterized by strong rains, especially in July, where there were thunder storms, unusual for the season. The association of rain and fine weather with frequent heat spikes, settled down from June to mid-August. The end of August and September were gorgeous: the lack of rain, ideal temperatures combined with steady wind, led to perfect maturity along with perfectly healthy fruit.

Harvest took place from the beginning of September.

White wines are characterized by a great aromatic profile: roundness and depth of flavor, which gives intensity and consistency.

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MEURSAULT

Vieilles Vignes

Grand vin de bourgogne

2009



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- GRAPE VARIETY : 100 % Chardonnay
- PRUNING SYSTEM : single Guyot
- DENSITY OF PLANTING: 10 000 vinestocks/ha
- AGE OF VINE: 62 years old
- YIELD : 52 hl/ha
- VINEYARD MANAGEMENT : Lutte raisonnée
- HARVEST : manual
- HARVEST DATE: 16th September 2009
- VINIFICATION : No crushing. Juice extracted at low pressure with air-filled press. Static debourbage at low temperature (24 to 36 hours).
- BARREL AGING: 16 months. 100% in barrels (40% new oak). Racking before fining. Smooth filtration before bottling.
- BOTTLING: 3rd February 2011
- DEGREE % VOL: 13.0
- PRODUCTION : 6,568 bottles

THE TERROIR

GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION : The vineyard of Meursault is situated between Volnay, to the north, and Puligny-Montrachet, to the south. Meursault is the largest village of the Côte de Beaune.

ALTITUDE : 230 to 380 m

NATURE OF THE SOIL : clay-limestone

VINEYARD EXPOSURE: east. South/east



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