



HISTORY

Volnay originates from the name of a man, *Volumnius*, or has been probably formed from the celtic prefix "vol", referring to the notion of roundness. (This is probably due to the geographical position of Volnay).

The culture of vines already existed in the gallo-roman period. Volnay was at that time the second home of the Ducs de Bourgogne.

THE 2009 VINTAGE

2009 is 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 thundery 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 outstanding phytosanitary state.

Harvest took place from the beginning of September.

Red wines are charming. Rich and deep, they bring a blissful feeling.

• MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE •

VOLNAY

Vieilles Vignes

Grand vin de Bourgogne

2009



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- GRAPE VARIETY : 100 % Pinot noir
- PRUNING SYSTEM : single Guyot
- DENSITY OF PLANTING : 11 000 vinestocks/ha
- AGE OF VINE : 77 years old
- YIELD : 45 hl/ha
- VINEYARD MANAGEMENT : Lutte raisonnée
- HARVEST : manual. Sorting of the grapes in the vineyard.
- HARVEST DATE: 12th September 2009
- VINIFICATION : de-stemming. Smooth crushing. Natural fermentation.
- BARREL AGING : 14 months - 100 % in barrels (30 % new oak)
- BOTTLING : April 2011
- DEGREE % VOL: 13.59
- PRODUCTION : 12593 bottles

THE TERROIR

GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION : In the south of Pommard, between two hills, which protect the vineyard from cold winds, Volnay is situated on the highest hillside of the Côte de Beaune.

ALTITUDE : 270 m

SURFACE AREA OF THE PLOT: 2.35 hectares

NATURE OF THE SOIL: clay-limestone. Steep slope

VINEYARD EXPOSURE: south-east



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