

# Domaine Jean-Michel Gaunoux

## Meursault



### The Whites

- *Bourgogne Blanc*: A half-acre parcel planted in 1981 in rocky soils above the 1er cru Perrières, Meursault's unofficial grand cru.
- *Meursault*: This is an assemblage of four parcels: Terres Blanches and Pelles on the south side of the town, giving richer fruit and elegance; and Criots and Malpoiriers on the north side, giving leaner, more mineral wine. Average age of the vines is old—45 years.
- *Meursault 1er Cru Les Genevrières*: The one vineyard source that Jean-Michel doesn't own, hence the slightly different label. He purchases grapes or must from Domaine Latour-Giraud, the owner of the vines, and said grapes or must always come from the same parcel and equals three to four barrels, the year depending.
- *Meursault 1er Cru Les Gouttes d'Or*: Three-quarters of an acre planted in the early 1950s on a steep, rocky slope making for a rich but quite elegant wine underpinned by intense minerality.
- *Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrières*: An acre and a half immediately north of Clos des Perrières in Perrières Dessus, planted in 1981.
- *Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières*: Just over half an acre planted in 1981 on a gently sloped portion of this upslope vineyard. If the Meursaults have the stone, the focus and strict construction, this, the Puligny, has the floral elements, the softer fruit and ease.

### The Reds

- *Bourgogne Pinot Fin*: An acre and a quarter parcel in a little clos next to Jean-Michel's house in the upper, northern side of Meursault, planted in 1976 right on the border with AOC Meursault. Fin because the grapes are always small.
- *Meursault rouge Les Criots*: This comes from one acre of Pinot Noir planted in 1966. There was a time when Meursault had a lot more Pinot, but then the growers learned that their terroir was perfect for Chardonnay, and Chardonnay sold so much faster. Jean-Michel keeps these old vines going out of respect for tradition.
- *Pommard Les Perrières*: Jean-Michel has five acres here planted in 1956.
- *Volnay 1er cru Clos des Chênes*: Three-fourths of an acre parcel planted in 1966 in what is the stoniest, most threadbare and limestone-rich of all the Volnay premier cru vineyards. Jean-Michel's parcel is located down slope near the road and in the north end of the clos.