

Domaine Bachelet-Monnot

Puligny-Montrachet



The White Wines

- *Bourgogne Blanc*: From 3.3 acres of Chardonnay growing in the Bourgogne-classed vineyards within the commune of Puligny, which gives this wine noteworthy pedigree. Average age of vines is 50 years old.
- *Maranges 1er cru La Fussière blanc*: Maranges got its AOC status in 1989, and Jean-François Bachelet was a leading advocate of this during the deliberations (prior to 1989, the wine was sold as Côte de Beaune-Villages). This Chardonnay wine comes from just under 2 acres of vines averaging 35 years of age. They grow in the most calcareous zone of Fussière.
- *Saint Aubin 1er cru En Remilly*: En Remilly is the first of St Aubin's Chardonnay vineyards you encounter on the right when driving up its narrow valley, and it grows on the southwest-facing flank of the Montrachet hill (which helps explain why En Remilly is one of best vineyards in the AOC). The Bachelet brothers farm just over one acre here.
- *Chassagne-Montrachet*: Think white flowers and finesse when tasting this wine. It's a representative blend of the commune, with grapes from five parcels that have feet in all of the geographic zones. The Chardonnay vines total just over six acres and the parcels are La Canière, Le Chêne, Les Benoîtes, Le Pot Bois, and En Journoblot. Average age of vines is 35 years old.
- *Puligny-Montrachet*: Think lemon fruit and stony depth. In descending order of acreage, this comes from four old-vine Chardonnay parcels: Les Corvées, Les Meix, Les Houillières, and Noyer Bret.
- *Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru Hameau de Blagny*: Think stones, big time. These Chardonnay vines grow quite high on the slope, significantly more so than Folatières. Production averages 1,500 bottles, or five barrels.
- *Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru Les Referts*: This Chardonnay vineyard is down-slope within the premier cru band, adjacent to Meursault's Les Charmes, and typically has more weight than Folatières. The brothers farm just over one acre here and the vines average 50 years old.
- *Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru Les Folatières*: Folatières runs along the upper slope of the premier cru band, on the same contour as Chevalier-Montrachet. The Bachelet-Monnot parcel is in the northwest corner, up near the premier cru of Les Truffières. As such, wines from Folatières gravitate toward minerality, and those from this domaine bend particularly in that direction. The boys farm just over one acre of Chardonnay vines here that average 50 years of age.
- *Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru*: This comes from a third of an acre of Chardonnay vines, planted in 1997. Production averages around 75 cases, or three barrels, in a normal year. This wine demands bottle age.

The Red Wines

- *Bourgogne Rouge*: About half of the Pinot Noir fruit comes from the commune of Puligny, a quarter from Maranges, and the rest from the lower part of the *Hautes Côtes*. Fermented with 20-30% whole cluster, raised in barrel (around 10% new) for ten months, and then racked into concrete vats for six to eight months. Production averages 900 cases.
- *Santenay Les Charmes Dessus*: This comes from an acre and a quarter of Pinot Noir vines planted in 1957 and growing on the south side of the village (bordering the premier cru Clos Rousseau). Production averages 200-250 cases.
- *Santenay Les Prarons Dessus*: This comes from an acre and a quarter of Pinot Noir vines planted in 1976 and a small part in 2002, and growing on the north side of the village (near the Chassagne border in the upper part of Prarons). Soil here is notably calcareous. Production averages 200-250 cases.
- *Maranges 1er cru La Fussière rouge*: At eleven acres, these vines constitute the largest holding of the domain. And the vines are mature, with an average age of 55 years. The site is up-slope and the wine is heavily influenced by the calcareous soils. Deep, dark, direct and mineral, this wine is a terrific buy for premier cru Burgundy. Production averages 1,500 cases.
- *Maranges 1er cru Clos de La Boutière*: This clos grows at a lower elevation than Fussière and borders Santenay's Clos Rousseau premier cru. Surface is 3.5 acres and average age of the Pinot Noir vines is a very respectable 75 years. The wine tends toward red fruit (Fussière tends toward black) and is a structured, old-vine creation.