



# DOMAINE FERNAND AND LAURENT PILLOT

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET  
1ER CRU LES VERGERS 2018

## BACKGROUND

Since the 19th Century, generations of the Pillot family have cultivated the hills of Chassagne-Montrachet on over 35 acres of land spread across 22 different appellations. The vineyards are mainly concentrated on Chassagne-Montrachet and Pommard terroirs, but also on the soils of Santeany, Saint-Aubin, Puligny-Montrachet, Meursault, Volnay, and Beaune.

The father-and-son team of Fernand and Laurent focuses tirelessly on maintaining quality with their practices: low yields, minimal use of fertilizer and strict hygiene. All of their wines are vinified and matured in a modern winery but Laurent pays special attention to keep with traditional Burgundy practices: barrel fermentation for the whites, minimal stirring of the lees, and ageing the wines in French oak barrels from a variety of forests and coopers. The vineyards are worked "agrobiologie" with care taken to see that soils are cultivated without the use of chemical weed-killers. The family is also a member of the research group DEPHY-EcoPhyto since 2012, which aims to decrease the amount of pesticides used and to better agricultural techniques for an environmentally sound ecosystem.

## APPELLATION

Burgundy, France

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

## WINEMAKING & VINTAGE NOTES

The vines grow on 2.15 acres of very stony limestone soils mixed with shallow red earth. The vineyards are located at 787 feet above sea level. Les Vergers faces due east near the top of the slope north of the village.

Grapes are hand-harvested and carried to the winery where they undergo alcoholic fermentation in oak barrels (40% new) for a period of two months.

## AGEING

The wine is aged in French oak barrels for 11–12 months.

## TASTING NOTES

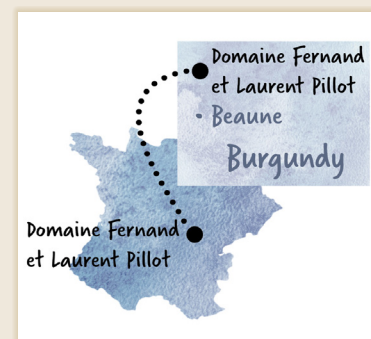
This wine is very precise with minerality, citrus and white flower aromas. With some ageing, the wine develops more complexity and rounder flavors reminiscent of flowers, stones and mushrooms.

Excellent with fresh seafood platters, white meats with mushroom sauces, and a variety of grilled vegetables.

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*Pillot*  
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## WINEMAKER

Laurent Pillot

## TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol  
13.5%



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