

# Chassagne-Montrachet



# APPELLATION D'ORIGINE CONTRÔLÉE

Appellation Village of the Côte de Beaune region (Côte-d'Or). This appellation includes 55 Premiers Crus Climats.

The commune of Chassagne-Montrachet also produces 3 appellations Grands Crus: MONTRACHET, BÂTARD-MONTRACHET, and CRIOTS-BÂTARD MONTRACHET (see Fact-sheet N°52).

Producing communes: Chassagne-Montrachet, Remigny.

On the label, the *appellations* CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET and CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET *PREMIER CRU* may be followed by the name of their *Climat* of origin.

# TASTING NOTES

White: this wine is the *Chardonnay* grape dressed in glittering gold! It boasts firm coloration with green highlights. Aromas of mayflower, acacia, and honeysuckle blend with verbena and hazelnut and in some cases toast or fresh butter. This wine boasts a profound minerality (flint). Age brings in notes of honey or ripe pear. Rounded and often opulent, its attack is instantaneous. On the palate, fleshiness is matched by mellowness, and both are equally persistent.

**Red:** brilliant, with purplish highlights – this wine is a well-coloured *Pinot Noir*. Aromas of Morello cherry and cherry-pit, wild strawberry, gooseberry, and raspberry are commonly present. Notes of animal and spice complete the bouquet. In the mouth, this wine has real substance. Its delicious fleshiness partly conceals tannins which, though somewhat austere in youth, give way with maturity to a concentrated and taste-filled structure, intriguing in its complexity.

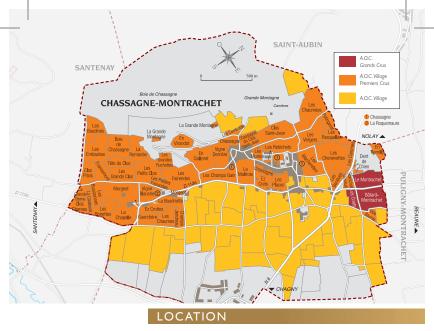
## SERVING SUGGESTIONS

White: its opulence and power make it an ideal partner for delicate fine white meats such as poultry or veal in sauce. Fish, either in well-spiced couscous or in Asian dishes such as curries or stir-fries, are also well-suited. Salmon, in itself highly aromatic, harmonizes particularly well. The *Premiers Crus appellations* will readily complement crawfish, lobster, or even *foie gras*. Serving temperature: 12 to 14°C.

**Red**: powerful and tannic, it flatters good quality meats such as grilled or roast lamb, coating their fibres in the mouth. Its aromatic power balances that of grilled pork and of curried or tandoori-style poultry. The *Premiers Crus* demand, at the very least, feathered game.

Serving temperature: 14 to 16°C.





In the southern part of the *Côte de Beaune* Chassagne-Montrachet shares with Puligny the uncontested title of the prince of the world's dry white wines: the divine Montrachet (pronounced "Monrachay"). This fine, broad hillside brings out the very highest expression of the two Burgundian grapes - the *Pinot Noir* and the *Chardonnay*, which grow here side-by side - such is the complexity of the region's soils! Extensive marble quarries, which form a kind of cliff face, were the source of the pink and beige flagstones which went into the building of the Trocadero in Paris and more recently the Louvre Pyramid. The Chassagne-Montrachet *AOC* dates from 1937. It includes some plots in the neighbouring village of Remigny which share the same soil conditions.

#### SOILS

At altitudes between 220 and 325 metres, the succession of rocks from the top down is first rauracien then callovien and finally argovien. The soil of the various *Climats* (named plots with distinctive qualities) ranges from pebbly limestones, through marls, to sandy soils with a Jurassic basis.

# COLOUR(S) AND GRAPE VARIETY(IES)

Whites - Chardonnay. Reds - Pinot Noir.

### PRODUCTION

#### Area under production\*:

1 hectare (ha) = 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> = 24 *ouvrées*. Whites: **215.93 ha** (including **118.66 ha** *Premier Cru*). Reds: **92.16 ha** (including **27.95 ha** *Premier Cru*). Average annual yield\*\*:

1 hectolitre (hl) = 100 litres = 133 bottles. Whites: **10,489 hl** (including **5,630 hl** *Premier Cru*). Reds: **3,892 hl** (including **1,109 hl** *Premier Cru*).

\*In 2018 \*\*5 years average, 2014-2018

## PREMIERS CRUS CLIMATS

Les Baudines, Les Embazées, Clos Pitois, Francemont, Tête du Clos, Les Grands Clos, Les Petits Clos, Bois de Chassagne, La Romanée, Les Grandes Ruchottes, La Grande Montagne, En Virondot, Les Fairendes, Vigne Blanche, Morgeot, Les Brussonnes, La Cardeuse, La Grande Borne, Clos Chareau, Les Boirettes, La Chapelle, Ez Crottes, Guerchère, Les Chaumes, Champs Jendreau, La Boudriotte, Les Champs gain, En Cailleret, Vigne Derrière, La Maltroie, Ez Crets, Les Places, Les Rebichets, Chassagne, Les Macherelles, Les Vergers, Clos Saint-Jean, Les Combards, Les Chenevottes, Les Pasquelles, Petingeret, Les Chaumées, Cailleret, Les Commes, Dent de Chien, Vide Bourse, Abbaye de Morgeot, Tonton Marcel, En Remilly, Blanchot dessus, Les Bondues, Chassagne du Clos Saint-Jean, Les Murées, La Roquemaure, Les Petites Fairendes.