

Volnay



APPELLATION D'ORIGINE CONTRÔLÉE

Appellation Village of the Côte de Beaune region (Côte-d'Or).

The appellation VOLNAY includes 29 Premiers Crus Climats.

Producing communes: \mbox{Volnay} for the appellation VOLNAY; $\mbox{Meursault}$ for the $\mbox{\it Climat}$ Santenots.

On the label the appellation VOLNAY and VOLNAY PREMIER CRU may be followed by the name of the Climat of origin.

TASTING NOTES

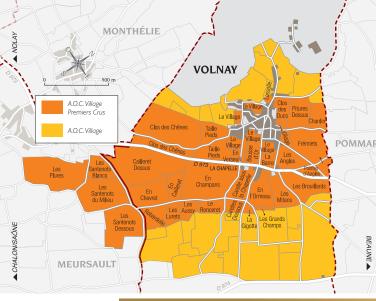
Volnay, admired for its delicacy, its sap, and its bouquet, has always been thought of as the most feminine of Bourgogne wines. Though certain of its terroirs modify this judgement with more vigorous and muscular versions, it truly does stand out among the red wines of the *Côte de Beaune* like the lipstick imprint of a kiss... The colour varies from bright ruby to a light garnet. Its aromas are of violet, gooseberry, cherry, and - with age - spices, game and cooked prune. It has an immediate appeal which, added to a slight natural precocity, means it can be fully open while still relatively young. The attack is fresh, the finish is warm. Drinking this wine, one seems to bite into a fresh fruit and breath in its heady aroma.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

Its velvety femininity is matched by its great aromatic intensity. This makes it a predestined partner for sophisticated poultry dishes, patiently roasted and glazed, which can bathe in the fruit and spice aromas of the wine. Better still, especially for the *Premiers Crus*, is feathered game, stewed or slowly braised, or simply roasted. In this company the opulence and meaty texture of this great wine work wonders. For the more adventurous, it might accompany a couscous or a tajine with meat or poultry or even both. The intensity of Volnay allows it to blend with distinctly flavoured cheeses.

Serving temperature: 14 to 16°C.





LOCATION

Volnay, perched on the hill of Chaignot high up in the Côte de Beaune, occupies a narrow and steeply sloping site as if to allow more space to the vines. The hill itself is oriented slightly differently from the general run of the country so that the vines face South-East rather than East. These vineyards have been valued and exploited for centuries. Long before the Revolution the harvests of Volnav went to the Knights of Malta, the Abbeys of Saint-Andoche d'Autun and Maizières, or to the Dukes of Bourgogne and their successors, the Kings of France. The typicity of this red Pinot Noir wine was fixed as early as the 18th century. It gained its controlled appellation status in 1937. The appellation Volnay is twinned with Volnay-Santenots, grown in neighbouring Meursault on ground equally suited to the Pinot Noir grape.

SOILS

The oolitic limestone has a superficial similarity to the reddish igneous rock (porphyry) found in the Morvan district. It is pink in colour with pale green inclusions and overlain by banks of schist. At the top of the slope, this limestone predominates. Lower down we find white, chalky-textured argovien limestone. Lower still are reddish Bathonien limestones, pebbly and ferruginous. The soils at the foot of the slope are deeper and more gravelly. Altitudes: 230-280 metres.

COLOUR(S) AND GRAPE VARIETY(IES)

Reds only - Pinot Noir.

PRODUCTION

Area under production*:

1 hectare (ha) = 10,000 m² = 24 ouvrées.

212.55 ha (including 125.88 ha *Premier* 7,694 hl (including 4,425 hl *Premier Cru*).

1 hectolitre (hl) = 100 litres = 133 bottles.

Average annual yield**:

*In 2022 **5-year average, 2017-2021 Cru).

PREMIERS CRUS CLIMATS

Commune of Volnay: Pitures Dessus, Lassolle, Clos des Ducs, Le Village, Clos de la Cave des Ducs, Clos de l'Audignac, Clos de la Chapelle, Clos du Château des Ducs, Clos de la Rougeotte, Frémiets-Clos de la Rougeotte, Clos de la Barre, Clos de la Bousse-d'Or, Les Brouillards, Les Mitans, Les Angles, Frémiets, La Gigotte, Les Lurets, Robardelle, Carelle sous la Chapelle, Le Ronceret, Champans, Les Caillerets, Clos des 60 Ouvrées, En Chevret, Taille Pieds, Clos du Verseuil, Clos des Chênes. Commune of Meursault: Santenots.