

Domaine Pernot-Belicard 2019

We've been working with Philippe, the son of the famous Paul Pernot for a few years now. His wines are undoubtedly improving greatly. And we like the tighter style much more than the very classical, broader wines of papa Pernot.

He is upgrading his facilities steadily, with a new smart tasting room as the latest addition. New better labels from this vintage too. It's been a decade since he started and he has constantly improved. If you are looking for affordable wines from Puligny and Meursault then these must be it.

Philippe farms inherited vineyards from both his and his wife's side of the family, as well as parcels he has purchased along the way. With more vineyards likely to be passed on to him from his father in due course, the domaine's holdings are shaping up very nicely indeed!

He watched his picking dates very carefully. As he was keen to point out, temperatures were still warm at the beginning of September and things moved very quickly. If he wasn't on it, he could miss that window of freshness that he was looking for. Thankfully he was (he began picking on the 9th September) so although the wines are clearly quite rich (between 13.8% and 14.5%) they retain that classic 2019 freshness and bite which come from the low pHs (around 3.2 here) and the dry extract.

For 2019 Philippe has changed his labels to a smart new design, a reflective gesture of his and the domaine's next phase of their journey together.

2019 Bourgogne Côte d'Or

£150 c/s In Bond – 5 cases available (12 bottles per case)

Generally, Philippe makes a good chunk of Bourgogne as he has well sited, significant holdings of vines in this classification, but in 2019 he lost 50% to frost. Whilst he chose to protect his grander vineyards with warming candles, economically it just doesn't add up to do the same with a 'basic' generic wine so he had to sit and suffer and inspect the damage the next morning. At least what he has made is very good and one can see the level of concentration as a result of the small yields. Quite smoky and just a little reductive in a very attractive way.

2019 Puligny-Montrachet

£205 c/s In Bond – 10 cases available (6 bottles per case)

£215 c/s Magnums In Bond – 3 cases available (3 magnums per case)

Philippe did decide to make the investment and protect his village wines and as a result only lost about 10% to the frost. Philippe's one and a half hectares of Puligny consist of nine different parcels, including some Petits Nosroyes, which is a great little vineyard. This is richer than normal but with no sense of heaviness.

2019 Meursault Vieilles Vignes

£190 c/s In Bond – 10 cases available (6 bottles per case)

Two parcels here, one 50 years old (Les Pellans) and the other 75 years (Les Pelles Dessous). This is more restrained than expected and shows a nice saltiness throughout. Plenty of vigour and energy and the 25% new oak is very discreet. Good job.

2019 Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrières

£380 c/s In Bond – 6 cases available (6 bottles per case)

£390 c/s Magnums In Bond – 2 cases available (3 magnums per case)

Philippe has just one parcel here, lying close to Puligny Champ Canet. The nose is very intense, bright and golden. Plenty of weight but no heaviness. Concentrated with nice zing on the finish. There seems to be plenty under the bonnet when needed.

2019 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Canet

£295 c/s In Bond – 6 cases available (6 bottles per case)

Philippe feels this vineyard is really starting to show its quality. The soil is packed with small stones and that stony, almost smoky, flinty character is quite conspicuous. The mix of richness and energy is bang on. A classic 2019.

2019 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Perrières

£310 c/s In Bond – 6 cases available (6 bottles per case)

£325 c/s Magnums In Bond – 2 cases available (3 magnums per case)

The vines here were planted in 1955 and the upper part of his parcel is on very rocky soil whilst the lower part is a little richer, with more clay and marl. The wine reflects its origins, showing a lovely stony, aromatic quality that leads into a palate of understated richness. This is very clean and pure, with just hints of oak (about 25% new oak used on this) and excellent drive and energy and on the long finish. Not forced, this has a relaxed, coolness about it and is very well handled.

Please let me know your requirements.

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