Méo-Camuzet

CLOS SAINT-PHILIBERT

TASTING

Thanks to its originality, this very generous wine avoids the generic characteristics of its appellation. Its rich and often tropical aromas, its freshness on the palate and its mineral character are remarkable.

AGEING

When this wine is young, its nose is captivating and well developed, whereas the palate remains "tight", still marked by the acidity. We would advise a few years of ageing (three to five years) for this wine to achieve a perfect balance.

MATURING

Once the alcoholic fermentation is finished, the maturing process is both slow and fast at the same time: the wine expresses itself quickly, but in order to preserve its richness, it is important not to rush into bottling it.

Indeed, we do not filter this wine (which is very uncommon for a white) and it therefore needs time to fall clear.

VINIFICATION

Traditional, since the alcoholic fermentation takes place in casks with regular bâtonnages (stirring of the lees). The fermentation is carried out slowly in order to favour the richness of the wine.

VINES

Planted at the beginning of the 90s, the vines are now well rooted and must dig down deep in order to go in search of their nutrients. The growth cycle is longer, beginning at the same time or even earlier, but the maturation is longer, and the harvest takes place a few days later compared with the vines of the Côte. The grapes we pick here are always very ripe, but with a high degree of natural acidity! The level of alcohol remains reasonable, as the grapes generally contain from 12° to 12.5° potential alcohol, which in the end produces a fresh, easy-to-drink wine. Unfortunately, yields are not very high.

SITUATION

Situated about 330 yards from Échezeaux, still on the territory of Flagey-Échezeaux at an altitude of over 1,200 feet, we have always thought it has a dream orientation: gently sloping and slanting east/south-east, poor soil... Of course, the altitude is higher (about 390 - 425 feet above the village of Vosne), but a carpet of stones encourages reverberation. The total surface area is nearly 9 acres.

