

Pierre Girardin,
Meursault `Le Limozin` 2019
Meursault, Burgundy, France



Grape Varieties	100% Chardonnay
Winemaker	Pierre Girardin
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13%

PRODUCER

Pierre Girardin, son of Vincent Girardin, is the 13th generation of his family to make wine in Burgundy. Pierre spent a significant part of his childhood in his family's vineyards and cellar, both helping and learning from his father. Vincent sold the family domaine and négociant business in 2011 but kept 4.5 hectares of his best sites, primarily in Meursault, Pommard and Volnay, to pass onto his son. The family's widespread contacts throughout the Côte d'Or have enabled Pierre to supplement his domaine sites with long-term contracts with top growers. Pierre completed his first vintage aged 21 years old.

VINEYARDS

Pierre has sought out interesting and often overlooked parcels over the past few years, with growers who share the same viticultural philosophy and either already farm organically or are moving toward certification. Meursault 'Limozin' comes from one of the top plots in Meursault, bordering Premier Cru 'Les Genevrières'. The vineyard is farmed organically and the vines are at least 50 years old.

VINTAGE

2019 commenced with a mild winter followed by brisk spring temperatures, with April seeing frequent frosts. Conditions remained cool through to June, which resulted in uneven flowering, but in July temperatures soared to the extent that the fruit was at risk of sunburn. Careful management in the vineyard was needed to ensure that the grapes remained healthy. By harvest it was clear that yields would be down on the previous year, but the berries were small and beautifully concentrated – all in all a successful vintage in Meursault.

VINIFICATION

Pierre vinifies on a 'micro-cuvée' scale and practises low-intervention winemaking, using indigenous yeasts to help capture the purity of each site. The grapes were gently pressed and then fermented and aged in custom-made 456-litre barrels from François et Frères, of which 30% were new.

TASTING NOTES

This wine has opulent, concentrated aromas of stone fruit, citrus blossom and sweet pastries. The palate is perfectly balanced with a fine tune acidity and mouthwatering minerality.