

Domaine Chevrot,
Maranges Blanc 1er Cru 'La Fussière' 2022
Maranges, Burgundy, France



PRODUCER

Pablo and Vincent took over from their parents in 2007 after gaining experience in Bordeaux and Central Otago. They farm the 19-hectare estate organically and have introduced horse-drawn ploughing and larger barrels to refine the style of the wines, which has helped raise the domaine's profile.

Situated just 10 kilometres from Puligny and Chassagne-Montrachet, at the southern end of the Côte de Beaune, Maranges is gaining attention for the quality and affordability of its wines. The village is in the Saône-et-Loire department, something you notice as the vegetation and houses change as you drive towards the village. Domaine Chevrot is nestled in the heart of the appellation and is widely viewed as one of the leading producers.

VINEYARDS

Maranges 1er Cru 'La Fussière' is a remarkable vineyard site at the top of the Maranges slope, 375 metres above sea level, just below the limestone cliffs that overlook the village. The Chevrot brothers purchased the plot here in 2009 and replanted it. Due to its steep 35% gradient, the site has been abandoned following the Second World War. This is what excited the Chevrot brothers so much - it is a rare vineyard site untouched by the chemical agriculture of the 60s and 70s. Soils are chalky, 'almost Champagne-esque' according to Pablo, with a flint component which imparts peppery notes on the wine. All the domaine's vineyards are organically farmed, with the help of two draft horses, Valentine and Hotesse.

VINTAGE

Following the challenges of 2021, the 2022 vintage in Burgundy was characterised by abundance and excellence. Despite heatwaves and the largest drought in Burgundy since 1976, 2022 emerged as a generous vintage, with excellent quality and yields far exceeding the three previous years. The growing season began with a cold winter, which delayed budburst and ensured most vineyards escaped April frosts unscathed. Optimal spring conditions followed and the vines grew quickly, with flowering taking place in mid-May. The summer was hot and dry, yet rain showers at the end of June replenished water reserves and allowed vines to thrive. Harvest began at the end of August and lasted until mid-September and the quality of the fruit harvested was excellent, with vibrant aromatics and balancing acidity.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand harvested early in the morning to preserve freshness and aromatics and transported immediately to the winery. The whole bunches were gently pressed and left to settle before being racked to French oak barrels for fermentation with indigenous yeasts at temperatures between 15°C and 23°C for around 1 month. Following fermentation, the wine went through full malolactic fermentation and was then aged for 12 months in French oak barrels (a mixture of 660-litre and 228-litre, 20% new). After the final blend was assembled it was left to marry for 6 months in stainless steel and then bottled.

TASTING NOTES

This prime 1er Cru shows remarkable intensity and power. On the nose, aromas of candied lemon are married with subtle notes of toast and spice. On the palate, this wine is very persistent, with bright acidity, a lifted minerality and a lingering finish.