IPO WINES

2022 Domaine de Chérisey Puligny-Montrachet "Les Chalumaux"

IMPORTED BY Kermit Lynch

COUNTRY
France

REGION
Burgundy

APPELLATION
Meursault

SOIL TYPE
Clay, limestone

VARIETAL(S)
100% Chardonnay

FARMING
Organic

WINEMAKER
Hélène Martelet-de-Chérisey, Laurent Martelet



ABOUT THE PRODUCER

The lost hamlet of Blagny, up in the hills between Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault in the Côte d'Or in Burgundy, is home to Domaine Comtesse de Chérisey. You may have heard the name "Blagny" before, attached to a bottle of premier cru Meursault-Blagny, or perhaps even a bottle of the increasingly rare Blagny rouge. Monks were the first inhabitants, planting vines in the 14th century. This almost magical, lost-in-time corner of the world boasts a unique microclimate, with a slightly different average temperature, exposition and soil than the rest of Burgundy. In our humble opinion, our friend and vigneron, Laurent Martelet, creates the most haunting masterpieces that emerge from this terroir. Laurent bottles the wines we import under the Comtesse de Chérisey label named in honor of his wife Hélène's mother, who inherited their vines and passed them on to Hélène, who works side by side with Laurent.

All of the de Chérisey premier cru vines are at least 60 years old and they encircle their ancient cellar in the Hameau de Blagny. Their Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Hameau de Blagny is from vines on the south side of Blagny, level with the village, just above Puligny Truffières. It is a wine that combines the power and richness of Meursault with the ethereal finesse of Puligny. Laurent's Puligny-Montrachet1er Cru Les Chalumaux is from vines just below Blagny, between the aforementioned Truffières and Meursault-Perrières. If you were a Chardonnay vine it wouldn't be a bad place to put down your roots. The wine is loaded with white limestone and gives a very fine, intensely focused white Burgundy, très Puligny, screaming with minerality. It doesn't have the renown of its neighbors, but it should. The Meursault-Blagny 1er Cru La Genelotte is from a vineyard just north of Blagny, on the Meursault side of course, high on the slope above the village. The wine is a powerful, classic, long-lived Meursault. The Genelotte vineyard is also a monopole meaning Laurent and Hélène are sole proprietors.

WINE NOTES

Established on 0.7779 hectares, this is ferruginous clay-limestone soil. Les Chalumaux grapes ripen early. Right from the first rays of spring sunshine, they wake up – and take off at a gallop to be the first in the cellar. These renewed vineyards are now 10 to 40 years old.

The wines are rich and opulent with a more discreet minerality. A more generous Puligny with exotic notes and a blend of hazelnuts and honey.