



IPO WINES

COUNTRY
France

REGION
Burgundy

APPELLATION
Auxey-Duresses

SOIL TYPE
Clay, limestone

VARIETAL(S)
100% Pinot Noir

FARMING
Organic

WINEMAKER
Anne-Marie & Jean-Marc Vincent



2023 Domaine Jean-Marc Vincent Santenay Rouge 1er Cru "Les Gravières"

IMPORTED BY Kermit Lynch

ABOUT THE PRODUCER

Anne-Marie and Jean-Marc Vincent inherited most of their vines, principally located in and around the village of Santenay in the southern Côte de Beaune, from Jean-Marc's grandfather, André Bardollet-Bravard. They produce three premier cru reds and two premier cru whites from Santenay, in addition to a red and a white Auxey-Duresses. The Vincent wines are characterized by rich, layered fruit, intense expression of individual terroir, and solid structure.

Their Auxey-Duresses Blanc "Les Hautés," which thankfully happens to be their highest production wine (that is, more than two barrels produced), is a gem and a role model for other producers of the appellation. This is the wine that first attracted Kermit to the domaine. "I had rarely had an Auxey-Duresses that excited my taste buds," he said, "I knew I was on to something." And indeed it reaches the heights of many a white Burgundy with a greater pedigree. It also evolves well in one's cellar. The Vincents' wine operation is a family affair and A-M and J-M split their time between the vineyards, cellars and their young children. Their miniscule production always sells out quickly to a small group of devoted clients. All of their wines are a testament to the importance of vigneron talent in a given appellation. While a great vigneron can make over-achievers from any appellation, a great appellation will never be great in the hands of mediocrity.

William Kelley of the Wine Advocate said "This small but exceptional five-hectare Santenay domaine is one of the Côte de Beaune's finest and deserves to be much better known."

WINE NOTES

All grapes are harvested by hand, with several passes through the vineyard to pick grapes at the optimal point of maturity. Sorting happens in the vineyard with each grape being inspected by the harvesters. The goal of the vinification and aging is to let the wine develop at a very slow pace. Vinification without sulfur, small amount of sulfur added at bottling.

Vines 50-60 years old. 30 to 60% of grapes are de-stemmed (depending on parcel and vintage). Grapes undergo a slow, temperature controlled maceration for 20 days. Wine is aged in 25% new oak barrels. Wines are never racked. Wines are aged for a minimum of 15 months.

"Jean-Marc and his wife, Anne-Marie, are a rare breed in Burgundy these days—the one that truly lives by the credo that if you want something done right you've just got to do it yourself. No employees, no consultants, and of course, all that comes with that, including no time and no vacation. They don't seem to want it any other way. This Gravières has loads of fruit, and it's also got that unique Burgundy—and, more precisely, Santenay—earthiness to it that can turn the accidental sipper into a full-blown connoisseur. This is the style of Burgundy that makes you think, "How'd they do that?" It has put countless people down the one-way path of all-out Burgundy geekery. Sip with caution unless you are ready to go down that path..." - Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant