

DOMAINE GOUFFIER

(MERCUREY, CÔTE CHALONNAISE, FRANCE)

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The nearly 200-year old estate had been through several name changes throughout its history but had always remained a part of the extended Gouffier lineage. The property oozes history, as evidenced by its stunning, stone-domed cellar, which had once served as a bunker in the time of Napoleon Bonaparte.

With 5.5-hectares spread across eight appellations, the domaine was in need of a fresh start. Frédéric, who had worked previously at La Chabliesienne for eight years, took about the task of reinvigorating the vines of Gouffier by instituting organic farming practices. While there are no vineyards in Fontaines—which sits between the villages of Mercurey and Rully—the varied sites throughout the area allow Frédéric and his partner, Benoit Pagot, to offer several expressions of Cote Chalonnaise.

The domaine contracts a single cooper—Doreau Tonneliers of Cognac—with Thierry Doreau making several trips to aid Frédéric and Benoit in finding the perfect match between barrel and wine. In fact, nearly 20% of the wood used to make the barrels used in the cellar come from the forest just beyond the walls of the property.

Recent vintages of Gouffier have reflected the intelligent approach of infusion, demonstrating perfect balance, a flawless integration of ageing, resulting in wines of energy and precision which have garnered attention and accolades in France.

Gouffier Mercurey Village "Les Murgers" 2019

CSPC# 802187

6x750ml

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

100% Pinot Noir

Winemakers

Frederic Gueugneau & Benoit Pagot

Appellation

Côte Chalonnaise region (Saône-et-Loire)

Vineyards

Mercurey, situated in the heart of the Côte Chalonnaise (12 kilometres from Chalon-sur-Saône) is one the foremost appellations of Bourgogne. Protected from moisture-bearing winds, tucked away in its hillsides or stretched along the aptly-named "Golden Valley" the vineyards stretch as far as the neighbouring village of Saint-Martin-sous-Montaigu. The AOC status was instituted in 1923.

The place called the Murgers takes its name from the old stone huts built to shelter the vine growers in bad weather. The "les Murgers" plot is located in the commune of Mercurey, consisting of a thin soil of silt on limestone on the top of the parcel, limestones in the middle and silts and clay in the lower part.

Reds: 548.68 ha (including 153.80 ha Premier Cru).

Whites: 84.59 ha (including 14.71 ha Premier Cru).

Harvest

The vineyards are all ploughed at this domaine. All the harvesting is done by hand followed by triage at the domaine.

Vinification/ Maturation

In the cellar, the harvest, picked by hand and destemmed, macerates cold for a few days before leaving naturally in fermentation. A flexible extraction of the material and a rigorous selection of the lees are at the base of the style of the wines of the Domain.

In partnership with our cooper, Thierry DOREAU, we pay particular attention to the choice of our parts (name used in Burgundy which designates a drum with a capacity of 228 liters): provenance of the woods, grain quality and types of heating.

14 months of aging on fine lees bring roundness and length in the mouth to our Mercurey Les Murgers.

Tasting Notes

A wine with a strong color, a nose of black fruits and spices but not without a hint of minerality, it reveals itself in the frank and straightforward mouth, in the purest style of its appellation.

Serve with

Ideal partner of beef in all its expressions, a braised tab skewer will allow him to express all his character.

