

Domaine Joseph Voillot

Côte de Beaune



The Reds

- *Bourgogne Rouge*: Formerly from four parcels until one in Volnay grew too diseased and was sold, this wine as of 2016 comes from three small old parcels. One is below the Volnay Villages designation; the other two are immediately across the border in Meursault Bourgogne territory. They total nearly 4 acres and average a solid 5 decades in age. The wine is quite traditional, raised entirely in neutral barrels rather than tank, and labeled Pinot Noir to make clear that no Gamay is blended in (which is legal and often done by négociants).
- *Volnay Vieilles Vignes*: Eight parcels totaling nearly 4.5 acres whose vines average 46 years old. The main volume comes from the lieux-dits of Famines, Gigotte, Pasquier, Grands Poisots and Petits Poisots.
- *Pommard Vieilles Vignes*: Four parcels--Cras, Poisots, Saussilles and Vaumuriens-- totaling 3 acres with the vines averaging 54 years old.
- *Volnay 1er Cru "Les Caillerets"*: 0.34 acre whose vines date from 1984. Name refers to the stony soil.
- *Volnay 1er Cru Les Champans*: The domain's largest premier cru holding, a parcel of 4.2 acres whose vines date from 1934, 1971, and 1985. Within the premier cru band, Champans is down slope and has heavier soils, giving its wine more fruit and breadth than other Voillot Volnays.
- *Volnay 1er Cru Les Fremiets*: 1.5 acres whose vines date from 1932, 1950, and 1978. This parcel is up slope, and the wine is very *calcaire*, or limestony—you taste the stone in this elegant, intensely perfumed wine. It's Voillot's most quintessential Volnay, yet paradoxically the vineyard borders the Pommard AC.
- *Pommard 1er Cru Les Epenots*: 0.43-acre parcel planted in 1961. These vines are in Les Petits Epenots, on the north side of the village and on the clay-rich plateau below the shoulder where Pézerolles is located.

- *Pommard 1er Cru Clos Micault*: 0.34-acre parcel planted in 1958. This clos is on the south side of the village, across the road from Rugiens. If Rugiens is all about structure, Clos Micault is all about fruit. The parcel is the original Voillot family vineyard, purchased by them in 1870.
- *Pommard 1er Cru Les Pézerolles*: 1 acre whose vines date from 1963. This vineyard grows north of Pommard on the shoulder above the Epenots field, and the wine is notable for its spice, balance, and length.
- *Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens*: 0.62 acre whose vines date from 1959. This parcel is located entirely in Rugiens *en bas*, south of Pommard. Voillot's Rugiens was one of seven 2007 red Burgundies awarded a five-star review in *Decanter* (February 2009): "White flower, perfume, streamlined and harmonious. Neatly woven, silky textured, elegant palate with a long, fragrant finish."
- *Beaune 1er Cru Aux Coucheries*: This comes from a parcel the domaine began to work with in the early 2000s. Aux Coucheries grows in the middle of the Beaune appellation, but at the top of the slope--it's one of Beaune's highest premier crus. The Voillot parcel is all of 0.3 acre, planted in 1964 and 1981 in shallow red-brown limestone soil, and faces south. It reflects Beaune's ample fruity deliciousness well. A bountiful year sees five barrels or 125 cases, but typically the production is between two and three barrels.

The Whites

- *Meursault Les Chevalières (lieu-dit)*: 0.37 acre whose vines date from 1979. These vines grow high on the western slope above Meursault, giving the wine a stony elegance. In a normal year, three barrels are made, one of which (25 cases) is sent to the USA.
- *Meursault 1er Cru Les Cras*: 0.34 acre whose vines date from 1963 and 1980. This parcel grows immediately north of Meursault, below the road heading over the pass to Auxey-Duresses. The Santenots vineyards are close by and the soils are relatively heavy here, making for a wine of rich substance and longevity. In a normal year, three barrels are made, one of which is sent to the USA.