

Domaine Joseph Voillot

Côte de Beaune



The Reds

- *Bourgogne Rouge*: Four parcels totaling 4.3 acres whose vines average 50 years old. They are located immediately below Volnay Village AC vineyards, making this a Bourgogne of unusual pedigree—apart from a small percentage from Beaune premier cru, it is all from the commune of Volnay, and it is 100% Pinot Noir (legally, a small percentage of Gamay is permitted in this class of wine, and *négociant* bottlings above all often take advantage of that option). In addition, this traditional wine is raised entirely in older barrels rather than in tank.
- *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.
- *Volnay 1er cru Carelle sous la Chapelle*: With the 2011 vintage, Jean-Pierre began purchasing a few barrels of wine with his *négoc* license from two well-known grower friends. Both farm vines next to his parcel of Champans and in both situations the vines average at least 50 years old. Carelle sous la Chapelle grows adjacent to Champans on a slight rise or knoll directly behind a small chapel. This rise is a rock outcropping that adds a floral note and tannic structure to Champans' fruity, earthy profile.

- *Volnay 1er cru Taillepieds*: This is the second *négoc* wine, two to three barrels purchased right after the vinification and raised in the Voillot cellars. Taillepieds is up slope, just across the *route nationale* from Champans, and is a more elegant, structured and stony wine that pays off handsomely with bottle age.
- *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."

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.

