

DOMAINE HENRI BOILLOT MAISON HENRI BOILLOT

The Boillots have been farming in Burgundy since 1855. If our math and genealogy is correct that makes Henri the 5th generation of his clan to be a vigneron in the Cote d'Or. Henri is also a stickler for quality. After making wine at his family's property (Domaine Jean Boillot) for more than a decade he quit in 1984 to launch his own negociant business. Not satisfied with the house style of his father and grandfather (light and delicate), he left to produce more concentrated and powerful Pinots and Chardonnays. For his efforts he received unbridled hurrahs and huzzahs from the trade and press.

After sufficiently impressing his grandfather, Jean Boillot, with the quality of his wines Henri rejoined the estate and eventually bought out his brothers and sisters in 2005. He immediately changed the name of the winery from Domaine Jean Boillot to Domaine Henri Boillot to avoid confusion with his brother's property, Domaine Jean-Marc Boillot. In case you're not sufficiently confused, Henri also continued to market his negociant wines under the Maison Henri Boillot label.

Today, Domaine Henri Boillot consists of 14 hectares evenly split between white (mainly 1er Crus in Meursault and Puligny where he owns the entire four hectares of Clos de la Mouchere) and red (a number of 1er Crus in Savigny, Beaune, and Volnay).

As with most top producers, Boillot is fanatical about farming. He avoids insecticides and herbicides, preferring sustainable farming techniques to preserve the integrity of the soil. Vines are pruned heavily in the spring to ensure low yields. The fruit is harvested as late as possible to achieve maximum phenolic maturity.

For white wines the grapes are crushed at low pressure to avoid bitterness. The must is cooled as quickly as possible to 8 degrees centigrade. Fermentation is done in 350-liter barrels to retain freshness and minerality. The wines

complete malolactic fermentation and are bottled after 18 months in barrel.

After hand harvesting the reds make two passes on the sorting table to ensure only clean, ripe berries. After destemming, the must is cold soaked prior to fermentation. During the long fermentation (up to 30 days) the skins are regularly punched down to extract maximum flavor and color. The Pinots are aged in small barrels for 18 months and bottled unfined and unfiltered.

The wines of Maison Henri Boillot are produced using the same practices as the Domaine bottlings. Every 1er and Grand Cru comes from a single vineyard with a single proprietor to preserve the authenticity of the site. For quality control Henri oversees all viticultural practices throughout the growing season.

The wines of Maison Henri Boillot are produced in Meursault; the wines of Domaine Henri Boillot are produced in Volnay. In 2006 Henri's son Guillaume joined his father after completing a BTS (Brevet Technique Supérieur) in viticulture and winemaking.

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The quality? Well, across the board Boillot's bottlings are pure, rich, accurate, powerful and brilliant. As Robert Parker neatly stated, "As a group these wines showed vibrancy, excellent acidity, genuine vineyard character, and they tasted damn good too! Differences between Meursaults from Charmes and Genevrières were obvious. It was much the same for the Pulignys and the Grand Crus. In every case, the Boillot wines served as excellent representatives of the fundamental character one has come to expect from these vineyards."

W INES

Domaine Henri Boillot (White Wines)

Puligny-Montrachet Clos De La Mouchère 1er Cru
Puligny-Montrachet Les Perrières 1er Cru
Puligny-Montrachet Les Pucelles 1er Cru
Savigny-Les-Beaune Les Vergelesses 1er Cru

Domaine Henri Boillot (Red Wines)

Volnay 1er Cru, Clos de la Rougeotte
Volnay Les Caillerets 1er Cru
Volnay Less Chevrets 1er Cru
Volnay Les Fremiets 1er Cru
Savigny-Les-Beaune Les Lavieres 1er Cru
Beaune Clos du Roi 1er Cru
Beaune Les Epenottes 1er Cru

Maison Henri Boillot (White Wines)

Bourgogne Chardonnay
Saint Romain
Meursault Village
Meursault Les Charmes 1er Cru
Meursault Les Poruzots 1er Cru
Meursault Les Perrières 1er Cru
Meursault Les Genevrières 1er Cru
Chassagne-Montrachet
Chassagne-Montrachet Les Baudines 1er Cru
Chassagne-Montrachet Les Chaumées 1er Cru
Chassagne-Montrachet Clos Saint Jean 1er Cru
Chassagne-Montrachet Les Chenevottes 1er Cru
Chassagne-Montrachet Les Macherelles 1er Cru
Chassagne-Montrachet Les Morgeots 1er Cru
Chassagne-Montrachet Les Vergers 1er Cru
Puligny-Montrachet Village
Puligny-Montrachet Les Caillerets 1er Cru
Puligny-Montrachet Les Folatitres 1er Cru
Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru
Criots Batard Montrachet Grand Cru
Batard Montrachet Grand Cru
Chevalier Montrachet Grand Cru
Montrachet Grand Cru

Maison Henri Boillot (Red Wines)

Clos Vougeot