Alex Moreau

Burgundy, France

HISTORY

It's impossible to discuss Chassagne-Montrachet without mentioning the name Moreau. For generations, the family has made some of the purest, most thought-provoking wines of the appellation. Their winemaking roots go back to 1809, when Auguste Moreau built a cellar across from the Champs Gain vineyard, where he owned and farmed a few hectares of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. In the 1930's, the estate flourished under the direction of Marcel Moreau. Roughly 80% of the domaine's current vineyard holdings were acquired by Marcel during this time. In the early 1960's, Bernard Moreau–who was only 14 years old at the time–took over the vineyards and cellar operations. By 1977, the reputation of this great estate had been fully established, and the winery was named Domaine Bernard Moreau. Bernard's sons, Alex and Benoît, joined the domaine in the 1990's, after working at wineries in New Zealand, Australia and South Africa.

In 2021, Alex assumed full control of the domaine, and named it Domaine Alex Moreau. Alex's wife, Martine, plays an active and vital role in running the estate, and together, they are writing the next chapter of the family's esteemed winemaking legacy.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

As it is with most of the great Burgundian estates, the emphasis at Domaine Alex Moreau is on terroir. To maintain healthy, balanced soils, the winery never uses pesticides, and only uses organic fertilizers. To ensure greater flavor intensity, the land is farmed to produce low yields. This is accomplished by pruning, debudding, green harvesting, leaf thinning (for the Pinot Noir, on the morning sun side), and planting cover crops.

Red wines are generally aged in French oak barrels (10%-50% new) for 12 to 20 months depending on the vineyard and vintage. In order to make the purest expression of Pinot Noir, the wines are not racked, fined, or filtered.

Region Burgundy

Appellations
Chassagne-Montrachet & Volnay

Year Founded 2021

Proprietor & Winemaker
Alex Moreau

Farming Practices Sustainable