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## Domaine Dubreuil-Fontaine • Côte de Beaune

Established in 1879, Domaine Dubreuil-Fontaine is a fixture of the Côte de Beaune. Christine Gruère-Dubreuil is the fifth generation and oversees this property of 50 acres centered on the magical medieval town of Pernand-Vergelesses. *Bourgogne Aujourd'Hui*, France's leading publication on the wines of Burgundy, named her one of the "Women in Charge" along with other famed winemakers, Anne Gros and Caroline Lestime. Now, her eldest daughter, Clementine, takes her place alongside Christine and the two direct all aspects of the domaine from vineyard management to harvest and winemaking. Here at APS, it has been a joy to participate in the changes at Domaine Dubreuil-Fontaine since the mid 1990's when Bernard, Christine's father was the head and Clementine just a little kid.

Christine and Clementine are in complete accord about the wines they want to make: they seek purity, transparency and authenticity, wines that express their place of origin more than the hand of the winemaker. This means they farm their vines naturally and vinify their wines gently. The only "modern" tool they use is temperature control to maintain the freshness of fruit in their finished wines. Otherwise, they stay away from all the additives and bio-engineered materials that winemakers can use these days. When you taste the wines of Christine and Clementine, you know you are in Burgundy.

### Beaune "Montrevenots" 1er Cru 2021

The Montrevenots vineyard lies on the border with Pommard and just above "Clos des Mouches." It has iron-rich soils and a southerly exposure. Dubreuil-Fontaine's parcel of Pinot Noir vines here is just a few rows, less than an acre, and is 35 years old. Hand picked, 100% destemmed, gently pressed for a cool fermentation in stainless steel and then 15 months in barrel, 25% new oak. Clementine tasting her 2021 Montrevenots: "Dense, deep color in the glass. Rose, peony and plummy fruit aromas rise up. A velvety texture in the mouth, some raspberry, crushed strawberries, as well as minerality. Rich and concentrated aromas and a good length."

### Beaune Rouge "Montrevenots" 1er Cru 2021 **90 points - Vinous**

"The 2021 Beaune Montrevenots 1er Cru has a vivid and quite effervescent nose with Bing cherries and crushed strawberries. Light mineral scents surface with time. This is very well-focused. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins. The 2021 is nicely structured, what you might call a 'steadfast' Beaune in the positive sense of the word, with commendable backbone and salinity on the finish. Excellent."

