



THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR QUALITY



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.

Bourgogne Rouge "Notre-Dame de Bonne Espérance" 2022

Pinot Noir vines in four different plots averaging 30 years of age. Pommard, Savigny-les-Beaune and Ladoix Serrigny all contribute, including the special Ladoix vineyard of "La Chapelle Notre Dame," which makes up the largest percentage of the blend. The fruit is always hand harvested, selected and destemmed. Vatting was 15 days with punching down and pumping over on alternate days. Matured for 10 months in 1/3 neutral oak barrel and 2/3 stainless steel tank and then bottled unfiltered. Clementine's reflects the 2022 well: "Pleasant bouquet of crushed blackberries and raspberries. The palate is medium-bodied with light, spicy opening, a good density and a solid blackberry, strawberry finish. A very satisfying wine to drink young."

