



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.

Pommard Rouge "Estate Vineyards" 2021

Thirty-year Pinot Noir vines in two smallish plots totaling about two acres, one in "En Boeuf," and the other in "Trois Follots," a village plot adjacent to "Rugiens." Simple, hand-work winemaking from the Dubreuil's gravity-flow winery. Destemmed, vinified in stainless, and then into a mix of oak barrels (15% new) to rest for 12 months. Bottled unfiltered. Tasting the wine, Clementine recommends a rib-eye steak and says: "A fruity nose of figs and sloe berries, as well as high-toned floral aromas. Medium-bodied palate, quite supple tannins with sweet black cherry and fine natural acidity. An elegant and delicious wine."

Pommard Rouge "Estate Vineyards" 2021 **88 points, Burghound**

"More prominent, if still subtle, wood influence can be found on the cool, but more deeply pitched nose of plum, earth and wild dark currant. The sleek and vibrant flavors also exude a discreet minerality on the balanced and youthfully austere finale. This delicious Pommard villages needs a few years of keeping, both to unwind and to add depth."

