

DOMAINE JEANNIN-NALTET

MERCUREY 1^{ER} CRU – LES NAUGUES

Story

Benoît Eschard started out as an engineer before he took over the 6th generation family property from his uncle in 2013. The estate was created in 1858 and covers 9 ha of contiguous vineyards exclusively within the Mercurey appellation including 7 ha of Mercurey 1er Cru, with Clos des Grands Voyens, a monopoly of 5 ha. He has been improving on the viticultural practices in order to reach better maturity and explore each plot's potential. With the desire to limit as much as possible the impact of their activity on the environment and its balance.

Farming Philosophy : sustainable

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 100% Pinot Noir

Plot Size : 1 Ha (2,5 acres)

Average age of the vines : 50-55 years

South facing

Elevation : 250 m (820 ft)

Soils : brown clay and silty-clay with medium stone load, from highly calcareous marls

FARMING PRACTICES

- Training method : Guyot simple
- No herbicides
- No CMR substances
- Regular work of the soil

Winemaking

- Hand picked grapes / Destemmed / Several manual sortings
- Cold pre fermentation maceration : 3 days
- Indigenous yeast
- Fermentation : stainless-steel tanks / 15-28 days
- Maceration technique : mostly pump-overs (gentle extraction)
- Gentle Pneumatic press
- Aging : 12 months in oak barrels (30% new) / on fine lees
- Fined : No
- Filtration : Yes
- SO2 Total : <100ppm Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

Wood aging on this rich wine has given a smooth, lightly spicy texture. That combines with the rounded black fruits to produce a wine that is dense, silky and likely to age well.



Press ratings

89 pts Wine Enthusiast - 2021

90 pts Burghound - 2018 vintage

92 pts Wine Enthusiast - 2017 vintage