



## PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Xavier Monnot  
Winemaker: Xavier Monnot  
Total acreage under vine: 42  
Estate founded: 2005  
Region: Burgundy  
Country: France

## Maranges Clos de la Fussière 1er Cru 2016

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Xavier Monnot is a leading producer in Meursault whose winemaking style emphasizes purity of fruit, elegance, and complexity. Prior to the release of the 2005 vintage, the property was known as Domaine René Monnier (Xavier's grandfather). In 2005, along with improvements in the vineyard and cellar, Xavier began bottling his wines under his own label.

Domaine Xavier Monnot is a 42 acre estate in Meursault with vineyards stretching from Beaune to Maranges. 60% of the Domaine's production is white and 40% red with several premier crus in Meursault, Chassagne-Montrachet, Puligny-Montrachet, Beaune, Volnay, and Maranges. Xavier believes in maintaining an average vine age of 30 to 40 years and practices *lutte raisonnée* ("reasoned struggle").

Clos de la Fussière is a 2.6 acre block within and towards the bottom of La Fussière premier cru in Dezize-les-Maranges. It is a monopole belonging to of Xavier Monnot's family for five generations. It is a steep, south-facing site that gives a wine that is rich, fleshy and dense.

### TASTING NOTES

Three villages at the southernmost end of the Côte de Beaune make up the Maranges AOC: Cheilly-lès-Maranges, Dezize-lès-Maranges and Sampigny-lès-Maranges. Here, we've transitioned out of the Côte d'Or and into the Saône-et-Loire département. Although the soil is like that of neighboring Santenay, Maranges is not strictly east-facing and its terrain is more diverse. Maranges is often described as fleshy, rich, and characterful.

### FOOD PAIRING

Red Burgundy might be the world's most flexible food wine. The wine's high acidity, medium body, medium alcohol, and low tannins make it very food friendly. Red Burgundy, with its earthy and sometimes gamey character, is a classic partner to roasted game birds, grilled duck breast, and dishes that feature mushrooms, black truffles, or are rich in umami.

### VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Vineyard name: La Fussière  
Vineyard size: 3 acres

### WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition: 100% Pinot Noir

### ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol: 12.0 %  
Residual sugar: 0.2 g/L  
Acidity: 5.5 g/L  
Total SO<sub>2</sub>: 52.0 mg/L