



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Laurent Cognard
 Winemaker: Laurent Cognard
 Total acreage under vine: 26
 Estate founded: 1997
 Region: Burgundy
 Country: France

Montagny Les Bassets 1er Cru 2017

WINE DESCRIPTION

Laurent Cognard began domaine bottling his family's wines in 1997 and today farms 26 acres of vines in the appellations of Montagny, Mercurey, and Pouilly-Loché. The specialty of the domaine is white wine, though a small amount of Mercurey rouge is also produced. The vineyards are farmed *lutte raisonnée*.

The region of Côte Chalonnaise extends 25 kilometers from the southern end of the Côte d'Or to the Mâconnais in the south. Soils are like the Côte d'Or with weathered limestone and clay. Laurent Cognard's 26 acres are spread across Montagny, Mercurey, and Pouilly-Loché in the Mâconnais.

Montagny Les Bassets 1er Cru is the flagship wine of the domaine. The vineyard lies near the commune of Buxy with the lower portion classified as village and the upper portion classified as premier cru. The 5.8-acre upper portion belongs entirely to Laurent Cognard. The vineyard has an eastern exposure with limestone soil and an average vine age of 25 years. The wine is aged in a combination of 10% new 228-liter Burgundian pièce and 500-liter puncheons.

TASTING NOTES

White wines from the Côte Chalonnaise are sometimes leaner and tarter than those from the Côte de Beaune despite being further south. The hilly terrain draws in cool westerly winds which delays ripening and brings freshness to the wines. Limestone soils give an underpinning of minerality and oak aging lends warmth and texture.

FOOD PAIRING

White Burgundy, with its rich texture and toasted flavors, pairs well with white fish and shellfish, and its naturally high acidity can counterbalance cream-based sauces. Oak-aging lends itself well to grilled fish, starches, butter, and toasted nuts.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Production area/appellation:	Côte Chalonnaise
Soil composition:	Calcareous and Clay
Exposure:	Southeastern
Average Vine Age:	25 years
Bottles produced of this wine:	13,500

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% Chardonnay
Type of aging container:	Barrels, Puncheons
Size of aging container:	228 liters and 500 liters
Age of aging container:	10% new
Type of oak:	French