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DOMAINE PASCAL PRUNIER-BONHEUR

AOP Monthélie
Red**PRESENTATION**

Domaine Pascal Prunier-Bonheur, located in Meursault, in the heart of the Côte de Beaune, continues the family heritage of five generations of winegrowers. Pascal Prunier took over the reins of the domaine in 1983 with his wife Christine Bonheur. Today, they manage 8 hectares of vines spread between Saint-Romain, Auxey-Duresses, Monthélie, Meursault, Pommard and Beaune. Passionate about and respectful of their terroirs, they work the soil with great care and use grass cover on certain plots to control the vigor of the vines. At harvest time, a rigorous sorting is carried out to keep only the best grapes. In the cellar, the grapes are matured and vatted for a long time, resulting in wines that are concentrated, complex and well-balanced. This approach gives the wines great ageing potential, while remaining accessible and enjoyable from their youth.

VARIETAL

Pinot Noir 100%

TERROIR

The vines from this original parcel are in their prime, now 45 years old. The soil is clay-limestone in nature, with a full west-facing exposure offering a stunning view over the Auxey-Duresses valley and its neighboring village.

IN THE VINEYARD

Pascal has long questioned conventional practices and began exploring sustainable viticulture in the 1990s. He reintroduced soil plowing and systematically reduced both the dosage and frequency of treatments, favoring organic methods whenever possible—though without formal certification. Guided by a balanced and realistic approach, he follows the lunar calendar for vineyard and cellar tasks. Treatments are limited to sulfur and copper unless specific issues arise, and soil work is used to manage cover crops.

HARVEST

Manual harvest in small perforated crates.

WINEMAKING

Depending on the vintage, whole-cluster fermentation may vary up to full destemming. Grapes are cooled to 12°C at vating for a cold maceration lasting 3 to 6 days. The temperature then rises gradually, peaking at 32–34°C. Regular pump-overs ensure even extraction throughout fermentation. Indigenous yeasts are used to highlight the terroir's character. Maceration lasts 15 to 21 days, with the decision to press based on tasting.

AGEING

The wine is aged for 15 to 18 months entirely in French oak barrels, with 15–25% new oak for Premier Cru wines and 10–20% for village-level wines. The oak is used to enhance complexity without overpowering the terroir. Before bottling, a light filtration is performed. All key interventions—racking and bottling—are scheduled according to the lunar cycle.

SERVING

This wine can be enjoyed from its second year in bottle and will age gracefully for up to 8 years. Serving temperature: 15 to 16°C

AGEING POTENTIAL

3 to 5 years

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TASTING

This wine is defined by a rich and intense bouquet of small red fruits such as cherry and blackcurrant. On the palate, it reveals a velvety and delicate texture with silky tannins.

FOOD PAIRINGS

This wine is highly versatile. It shines just as well during casual evenings with friends—paired with raclette, fondue, or tabletop grilling—as it does alongside dishes featuring white or red meats, and even fish-based recipes.

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