

# POMMARD

## LES VIGNOTS

APPELLATION POMMARD CONTRÔLÉE

# 2018

MEURSAULT - CÔTE-D'OR - FRANCE

### Variety

100% Pinot Noir

AOC

**Pommard** 

### Vineyard

Les Vignots

Soils

Limestone and Clay Mix

### **Harvest Date**

September 14, 2018

## Fermentation & Aging

Stainless fermenters and barrel aged 50% New French oak, 50% Neutral French oak aged 18 months

## **Technical Data**

pH: 3.2

TA: 7.4 g/L

Alc: 13%

RS: <0.02%

Bottled: May 2020

Cases Produced: 100

## VINEYARD NOTES

The pinot noir is grown on the "Les Vignots" lieu-dit, located on the north side of the Pommard village at about 100 feet elevation. The vines average 50 years old, and are low-yielding. The soil is primarily rocky limestone with clay. The combination of rocky limestone soils and a steep, south-facing slope allows for exceptional airflow, late afternoon sun, and good water drainage. This is a special site located in a better known parcel in Pommard, which many claim to be of Premier Cru quality. The name "Vignots" is an old colloquial blend of vigne (vine) and hauts (high). The south-facing slopes allow for intense ripening and make for a distinct pinot noir with dark berry and earth notes, which in combination with the 18 months of oak aging, makes for what we feel to be a classic Pommard.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes are brought to the winery in Meursault where the fruit is cold-soaked for 48 hours, 80% being whole cluster. The tanks are allowed to warm up naturally, slowly beginning the process of fermentation. The wine undergoes pump-overs once a day and piégeage, or punch-downs, twice a day. All of our wines undergo a traditional non-inoculated natural fermentation. The wine is then pressed, post-fermentation, and aged in French oak, 50% being new French oak, for 18 months.

## WINEMAKERS NOTES

Wines from Les Vignots are known for their elegance and aromatics. The tannins are more approachable at an early stage and the complex flavors between the minerality and red fruit give the wines depth. The 2018 vintage was an exceptional year in Burgundy with a warm, dry summer and very little rainfall during harvest. The fruit was able to ripen beautifully and gave the wines structure that should give these wines the ability to age for about 10 to 12 years.