Maison Shaps

# VOLNAY

APPELLATION VOLNAY CONTRÔLÉE

2018

MEURSAULT - CÔTE-D'OR - FRANCE

**Varietal**
100% Pinot Noir

**AOC**
Volnay

**Vineyard**
La Gigotte

**Soils**
Limestone and Clay Mix

**Harvest Date**
September 5, 2018

**Fermentation & Aging**
Stainless fermenters and barrel aged 50% New French oak, 50% Neutral French oak aged 18 months

**Technical Data**
pH: 3.48
TA: 7.8 g/L
Alc: 13.5%
RS: <0.02%
Bottled: March 2020
Cases Produced: 100

## VINEYARD NOTES

The Volnay appellation is relatively small with only 511 acres of vines. Exclusively Pinot Noir, the general exposure is southeast which provides for excellent sunlight and ripening at harvest. The "La Gigotte" lieu-dit is located on the lower half of the slope, with the top half of this parcel being designated as 1er Cru. The 2018 vintage was exceptional with a warm growing season and an early harvest. These old vines produce a very low yield of highly concentrated Pinot Noir, with mature tannins and good acidity.

## 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

The 2018 Volnay is our first vintage from this new addition to the Maison Shaps ownership. The "La Gigotte" lieu-dit shows a unique expression in the Pinot Noir. It provides a balance between the classic and elegant style of Volnay and the more tannic and structure found in other sites. The concentrated aromas of dark red fruits and slight floral notes are very distinctive to Volnay. The palate has depth of fruit and spice but the tannins are firm and well-balanced. The 18 months of aging in 50% new oak adds weight and complexity. This is a vintage that will age well for 10-15 years