

V I N S D E B O U R G O G N E



THE HISTORY

The Carillon family domaine dates back to the 16th century. The winemaking tradition has been passed down from father to son since 1632, when a Carillon *viticulteur* is recorded, and even since 1520, when Jean Carillon is mentioned in archives. The family still occupies the same site as they did then in Puligny-Montrachet, between the church and the old *château* which belonged to the original nobles of the village. The motif on their label, showing a grape harvesting knife and the year 1632, is a reproduction of a carving above the door frame. The *cuvée* is built with the stones of the old *château*.

The domaine's holdings were extended upon the marriage of patriarch Louis married, as his wife was from Chassagne-Montrachet. Over the years, additional buildings throughout the village were added to the Carillon's holdings and converted to winemaking facilities. The couple's sons, Jacques and François, the sons of Louis, continued in the family tradition, with Jacques making the wines and François looking after the vines. In 2009, the brothers decided to separate the domaine. The 2009 vintage was the last under the shared domaine, and 2010 was the first vintage where the wine was made in separate cellars.

THE VITICULTURE

François' passion has always been in the vineyard, and he strives to provide optimal ingredients for the cellar. He farms almost 20 acres of vineyards, located principally in Puligny-Montrachet. Farming is done in accordance with the *lutte raisonnée* philosophy, so treatments are only used in extreme circumstances. Ploughing is done using horse or tractor, and weed-killers are avoided. A strict pruning and de-budding regimen is followed, as François does not prefer green harvesting.

THE WINEMAKING

The white wine vinification is in the traditional Burgundy style, with fermentation in small oak casks. The wines are aged in Allier oak, 10-25% of which is new, with 10-15% for the *villages* and up to 25% for the premiers crus. The entire process is best described as "classic," with the wines showing extremely deft use of oak. The domaine produces Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru, *villages* Puligny-Montrachet, several Puligny-Montrachet Premier Crus, *villages* Chassagne-Montrachet, Chassagne-Montrachet Premier Crus, a Saint-Aubin Premier Cru, and Bourgogne Chardonnay and Aligoté.



François Carillon



Vineyards