



## MERCUREY "LES CHENEAULTS" 2020

### CÔTE CHALONNAISE | 100% PINOT NOIR | VILLAGE

#### PRESENTATION OF THE APPELLATION

In the heart of the Côte Chalonnaise, Mercurey is one of the largest wine appellations in Burgundy. The vineyards lie on marl and marl-limestone terroirs from the Oxfordian period. The vines are given generous expression in these white, limestone-rich, or red and clayey soils.

#### TASTING: refined and elegant

Food pairings: Beef fondue, egg in red wine sauce

Potential and cellaring advice: 3 to 10 years. Serving temperature: 16°C

#### VINEYARD

- Surface: 2,65 ha
- Exposition: South
- Year of planting: 2000
- Soil and Subsoil: Shallow soil on hard limestone, in a valley, south facing
- Density of planting: 9 000 vines / ha
- Soil cultivation: De-hilling in the spring / Maintenance with between vine blade in the summer

#### WINE

- Harvest date: 31/08/20
- Vinification: 5 to 7 days of cold pre-fermentation and two weeks of maceration with pumping over twice a day
- Aging: 18 months, 20% new barrels
- Production: 15000 bottles

#### CÔTE CHALONNAISE 2020 (RED)

2020 will remain in the memory for many reasons. Not only was it the year of lockdowns and pandemic; it was also a unique and very satisfactory vintage in Bourgogne. This vintage was an historically early one, from budburst right through to harvest. The hot and sunny weather also ensured the grapes were bursting with health on the vines. Even more surprisingly, tasting has confirmed that despite the high temperatures and almost constant drought conditions, in addition to their rich aromas, the wines are also revealing a freshness that is as unexpected as it is remarkable. Côte Chalonnaise red wines are very rich, with notes of black berries, cherry kernels, gingerbread, violet, and licorice. On the palate, they are full-bodied yet yielding, marked by a wonderfully fresh feel and silky, tightly-woven tannins.