



2001 Chevalier Montrachet Grand Cru

Domaine Leflaive, Burgundy & Chablis Wine Region, France

Product details

Vintage:	2001	Drinking:	Now 2020
Producer:	Domaine Leflaive	Alcohol:	
Region:	Burgundy & Chablis Wine Region	Variety:	Chardonnay
Country:	France		

Reviews

Liquid minerals, spices, and hints of fresh herbs can be found in the aromatic profile of the light to medium-bodied 2001 Chevalier-Montrachet. A very pretty wine, it reveals outstanding depth, flesh, and purity to its mineral and herb-laced personality. Drink it over the next 6 years. To Pierre Morey, Domaine Leflaive's winemaker, 2001 was not an easy vintage, but it made our work that much more interesting. Our vines faced rot, hail, heat (that burned some grapes), cold, then the onset of botrytis, making us sort grape by grape. He went on to add, so we knew on August 3rd, the day after the hail storm, that it was a sorting vintage . . . our next surprise was the acid balance, in which we found we had normal tartaric numbers but high malic acid, making the wines difficult to taste. We opted for an extended elavage, to get the noses to express themselves and the bodies to fill out. According to Morey, all of the domaine's Puligny parcels were struck by hail, having lost 20% of their production of Folatieres, slightly less in other parcels. Yields, though lower than in both 1999 and 2000, came in between 40 and 45 hectoliters per hectare, after the work on the sorting tables. When I asked Mr. Morey, a deeply honest man, whether he liked the 2001s, he said, it's not my favorite vintage of the last 10 years, but an interesting one, I'm intrigued to see how they will age and when they will be at their best. - 88-91 points Robert Parker

About the producer

The vision of Anne-Claude Leflaive in the 1990s took this Puligny Montrachet Domaine to the heights of white wine production, not only in Burgundy but in the rest of the world. Today, her nephew Brice de La Morandière - who has had a successful career running multinational companies - continues her philosophy of organic, biodynamic viticulture, bringing Chardonnay grapes to their best possible expression in Grand Cru and Premier Cru climates, where the terroir has been restored to health by natural practices.

*These wines are not available for non-UK based customers.