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Puligny-Montrachet Les Combettes Premier Cru 2010

2010: a small crop of beautiful grapes

After an interminably long, cold winter, proper spring weather set in during the month of April with above-average temperatures that enabled the vines to start growing quickly. Bud break took place over just a few days around the 20th of April. The poor, cool weather in June caused a great deal of coulure (shot berries) and flowering was upset as a result. The first two weeks of July were warm and sunny. Véraison (colour change) began at the usual time in mid-August, but lasted for several weeks due to rain and cool temperatures. The grapes took their time to ripen. Fortunately, sunny weather returned in early September and lasted for three weeks. A small crop with undersized berries and well-aerated bunches made it possible to maintain the fruit in good, healthy condition and obtain good ripeness. However, it took a great deal of reflection before deciding when to pick each plot. We did not react in a panic-stricken way to what was wrongly described as deterioration of the grapes!

GRAPE VARIETY & PLOT SIZE

Grape variety: 100% Chardonnay on a 1.50 hectare plot

TERROIR

Beautiful vineyard in some of the finest terroir for Chardonnay in the Côte de Beaune. Southeast-facing slope overlooking the village of Puligny-Montrachet. Clay-limestone soil with a high proportion of stones, which is conducive to excellent ripeness.

VINIFICATION & AGEING

Whole bunches of grapes were handpicked into small crates and pressed in a pneumatic winepress. The juice was cold settled after pressing for 12-14 hours under temperature-controlled conditions. Alcoholic fermentation and ageing took place entirely in oak barrels. 100% malolactic fermentation
Duration of barrel ageing: 21 months

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in December 2012

COLOUR: White gold with silver-grey highlights. Luminous.

NOSE: Precise, with hints of aniseed, vanilla and white flowers, revealing suggestions of brioche and toast with aeration.

PALATE: Fresh, vigorous and taut, with good minerality. Dried fruit and candied lemon flavours. Tasty, crunchy and polished aftertaste.

