



## Domaine Chavy-Chouet Aligoté “Les Petits Poiriers” 2018

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| REGION      | Bourgogne A.O.C.  |
| GRAPES      | 100% Aligoté  |
| SOIL        | Brown limestone, clay and marl  |
| VITICULTURE | Sustainable farming. Average vine age: 60 years.<br>Planting density: 10,000 vines per hectare. |
| VINICULTURE | Fermentation in steel, followed by 10 months of<br>aging in used 300-600 liter barrels.         |
| ALCOHOL     | 12.5%   |

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The Chavy family is well established in the Côte de Beaune, with Alain, Jean-Louis and Philippe all making wine in and around Puligny-Montrachet. Hubert Chavy was married to a Ropiteau, the oldest winemaking family in Meursault. Hubert had been selling the bulk of his production to the top négociants for many years, but since his son Romaric took over, they are bottling nearly everything they produce at their Domaine Chavy-Chouet.

Romaric started at wine school at the age of 12, before working as an apprentice for his godfather François Mikulski in Meursault. He followed this with stints working in South Africa, Spain, Greece and the Languedoc before taking over from Hubert at just 22 years of age. Hubert passed away in early 2014, and has left the legacy in good hands. He works the vineyards pretty much organically, with ploughing and minimal use of sprays (preferring the traditional copper and sulfur), but is not certified.

Incredibly experienced for such a young winemaker, Romaric is totally focused on realizing the unbelievable potential of his stellar vineyard portfolio. About 40% of Romaric's vines are in the village of Puligny-Montrachet, where he has prime parcels in spectacular sites such as Les Enseignères, Premier Cru Les Folatières and Premier Cru Champ Gains. The wines are full and rich, but with a wonderful freshness and vitality that makes them a pleasure to drink in their youth. This is a truly exciting domaine and Romaric is sure to be a star of the (not so distant) future.

Aligoté, like Chardonnay, was born in Burgundy. Perhaps lesser known than its formal ..., and typically planted on the bottoms and tops of the slopes, as the more valuable portions of the hillsides are planted with Chardonnay. Aligoté tends to deliver a lighter, more herbal flavor profile than Chardonnay and is most often enjoyed in its youth.

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