



Domaine Chavy-Chouet Bourgogne Rouge “La Taupe” 2017



REGION	Bourgogne A.O.C.
GRAPES	100% Pinot Noir
SOIL	Clay
VITICULTURE	70-year old and low yielding vines in Pommard are farmed employing sustainable agriculture. Planting density: 10,000/ha.
VINICULTURE	Natural yeast fermentation. Aged 10 months in 10% new, 90% used barrels.
ALCOHOL	13%

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. So needless to say, Chardonnay is in the DNA. 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.

Chavy-Chouet is a 15 hectare-domaine (37 acres) that produces wine from 14 A.O.C.'s (80% White, 20% Red). The vineyard is divided into 70 parcels planted to vines that are 40 years old or more. He uses Gillet as his cooper, who blends oak from Nevers, Limousin and Allier forests. The barrels receive medium toast. Romaric, just as his father, Hubert, does not fine or filter his wines, as he prefers their purity to shine through.

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.

La Taupe is produced from 70 year old vines on a 2-hectare site just beside the Chateau de Pommard.

Domaine Chavy-Chouet Bourgogne Rouge “La Taupe” is formatted in 750ml bottles and 1500ml magnums.