

AGNÈS PAQUET

BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE BEAUNE BLANC

ORIGIN

Meloisey, Burgundy, France

WINE TYPE & VARIETIES

Still dry white, Chardonnay

VINEYARD

Two different plots;
'La Lié' in Meloisey;
'Sous le Château' in Baubigny

SOIL

Clay-limestone

AGE OF VINES

Young wines from Melpisey,
40 y/o from Baubigny

VITICULTURE

Certified organic

VINIFICATION

Manual harvest,
indigenous yeast, spontaneous
fermentation and 10 months
aging in 456L barrels on lees,
no bâtonnage, little no no new
oak, 2 months in tank before
bottling.

There's nothing average about Agnès Paquet. With finesse driven elegance and gentleness, far off from the regions more powerful style, she's the top tier vigneronne elbowing a bright expression mark from 'lesser' appellations within Burgundy.

Situated in the peaceful village of Meloisey, away from hype of the 'Côte', Agnès's work reflects the traditionally humble culture of the Haute Côtes winemakers. Farming vineyards situated in, previously considered, secondary appellations might once have been a burden, today counted a bonus. It's areas with equally great diversity of terroirs as the rest of Côte de Beaune. With changing climate and improved viticultural skills these spots are definitely counted as the 'new' source of classic styled Burgundy. It's might just not be in hands of public knowledge yet.

Her grandparents purchased vines in the 1950's and Paquet carries on their legacy, being the first generation to create wine from her family's estate fruit. Her holdings consist of 13 hectares, equally divided over red and white varieties. Since 2004 she has eschewed the use of herbicides, been farming organically since 2008 and as from 2021 holds certification, something that became important for the sake of transparency and quelling potential doubts about her mindset.

Winemaking manners are classic fashioned. Whites are whole bunch pressed before vinification in older barrels. Reds see a greater or lesser percentages of whole bunches depending on vintage followed by fermentation in concrete vats with push-downs by foot rather than pump-overs and aging in varying sizes of older barrels.

Her wines are vivacious with a strong core of quality fruit and purity. They are never showy or extracted, rather a great definition of how to revitalizing Burgundy with unique DNA and exquisite refinement.



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