



KERMIT LYNCH WINE MERCHANT

## DOMAINE CHRISTOPHE BUISSON

Country: France

Region: Burgundy

Appellation(s): Bourgogne, Beaune, Saint-Romain, Chassagne-Montrachet, Savigny-lès-Beaune, Auxey-Duresses, Nuits-Saint-Georges

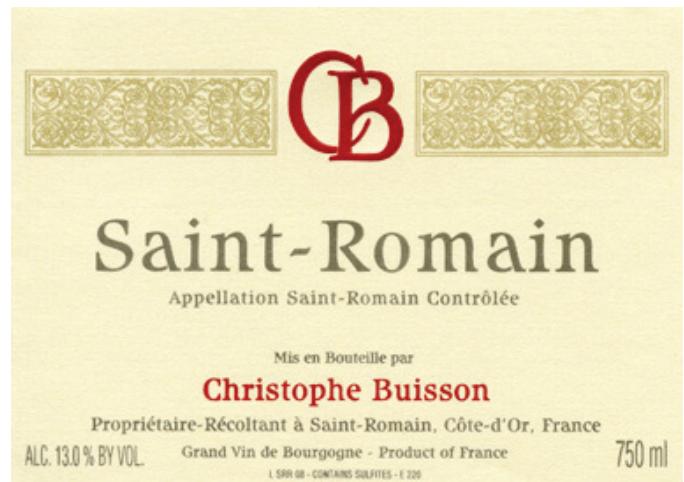
Producer: Christophe Buisson

Founded: 1996

Annual Production: 5,000 cases

Farming: Organic

Website: N/A



Christophe Buisson is a young, passionate vigneron with all the skills for success. From his home base in Saint-Romain, the little known and thus underappreciated (and undervalued) appellation in the hills behind Meursault, Christophe has been honing his craft for the last decade. The appellation of Saint-Romain is ampitheatre-like, with the best sites located on stony slopes beneath a striking outcropping of limestone cliffs. You access the village after traversing Auxey-Duresses on the way to the Hautes Côtes de Beaune. Christophe owns land in some of the best sites in Saint-Romain, *Sous le Château* and *La Perrière*, sites that would likely be *premier cru* in a village such as Chassagne-Montrachet.

Christophe's beliefs, meticulous work in the vineyards, fermentation in cement *cuvées*, *élèvage* in medium age barrels, minimal racking and pumping, and a gentle bottling with no filtration or fining for the reds, all combine to give wines of impressive depth and complexity. He manages to achieve sufficient natural ripeness every year and shuns chaptalization, and his wines show impressive concentration year in and year out. His reds are deeply colored with ample fruit and great texture and layered whites with ripeness and intense minerality juxtaposed for just the right balance. They are very user friendly Burgundies, capturing the immediate pleasure of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Buisson's wines are always imminently drinkable upon release with generous aromas and flavors and while they do age well in a good cellar, these are wines to drink over the short to medium term.

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## DOMAINE CHRISTOPHE BUISSON (continued)

<u>Wine</u>	<u>Blend</u>	<u>Vine Age</u>	<u>Soil Type</u>	<u>Vineyard Area*</u>
<i>Saint-Romain Blanc</i>	100% Chardonnay	18 years	Clay, Limestone	.66 ha
<i>Saint-Romain Blanc Sous le Château</i>	100% Chardonnay	20 years	Clay, Limestone	.86 ha
<i>Beaune Blanc Clos-Saint-Désiré</i>	100% Chardonnay	20 years	Clay, Limestone	.46 ha
<i>Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Morgeot</i>	100% Chardonnay	30 years	Clay, Limestone	N/A
<i>Bourgogne Pinot Noir</i>	100% Pinot Noir	35 years	Clay, Limestone	.90 ha
<i>Saint-Romain Rouge</i>	100% Pinot Noir	30 years	Clay, Limestone	1.05 ha
<i>Saint-Romain Rouge Sous le Château</i>	100% Pinot Noir	15 years	Clay, Limestone	.26 ha
<i>Savigny-lès-Beaune Rouge</i>	100% Pinot Noir	30 years	Clay, Limestone	.71 ha
<i>Auxey-Duresses Rouge</i>	100% Pinot Noir	45 years	Clay, Limestone	.55 ha
<i>Nuits-Saint-Georges Clos des Argilières</i>	100% Pinot Noir	68 years	Clay, Limestone	.32 ha

\* "ha"=hectares; one hectare equals roughly two and a half acres

## VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

### Whites:

- All grapes are harvested by hand
- Saint-Romain *Blanc* is aged in 70% oak and 30% stainless steel
- All other white wines are aged in 100% oak, 2-6 year-old barrels
- All wines are aged for 16 months

### Reds:

- All grapes are harvested and sorted by hand
- Maceration lasts for 4 weeks
- Bourgogne Pinot Noir is aged in 50% oak and 50% cement
- All other red wines are aged in 100% oak, 2-6 year-old barrels
- Wines are aged for 18 months