



KERMIT LYNCH WINE MERCHANT

DOMAINE ANTOINE JOBARD

Country: France

Region: Burgundy

Appellation(s): Meursault, Meursault-Blagny,
Puligny-Montrachet, Saint-Aubin

Producer: François and Antoine Jobard

Founded: Mid-19th Century

Annual Production: 2,500-3,000 cases

Farming: Organic

Website: under construction



François Jobard was one of the first *vignerons* Kermit imported when he began prospecting for wines in France in the 1970s. The relationship has endured into the next generation, and François' son Antoine now runs the domaine. This is as classy and as consistent a property as you'll find in Burgundy, and theirs are generally counted among the best Meursaults. Other respected *vignerons* like Coche and Raveneau hold these wines in the highest esteem and are generous with their praise when Jobard comes up in conversation.

Among the highlights from the domaine is Jobard's stunning Bourgogne *Blanc*, which is routinely one of the best to carry that appellation. Their Meursault *En la Barre* is an outstanding value from an assiduously tended vineyard plot located just behind their home, and their enviable line-up of *premier cru* white Burgundies includes Meursault *Poruzots*, *Blagny*, *Genevrières*, and *Charmes*, each with its inimitable charms. Recently, they added *Tillets* to their list, the excellent vineyard that Roulot fans know and love—a high-elevation, very stony *lieu-dit*. Finally, their Puligny-Montrachet *Le Trézain* comes from another steep hillside parcel above the Hameau de Blagny and is always textbook Puligny, chiseled and fine-grained.

All the Jobard wines are aged in barrel and spend a lengthy period of time *sur lie* in their cellars in Meursault. They are the last of our white Burgundies to come to the market every year due to their unhurried approach to vinification and typically slow malolactic fermentations. In their youth, these wines are often tightly wound with an intense mineral structure that only begins to soften with extended bottle aging. Though François and Antoine work side by side, Antoine has brought his own signature to the domaine: a more sensuous approachability to the wines, all delicious and ready to drink immediately. That said, the Jobard legacy lives on, and the wines will still explode with intense aromas of honeycomb and stone later in life. If you just can't wait, there's no reason not to uncork.



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<u>Wine</u>	<u>Blend</u>	<u>Vine Age</u>	<u>Soil Type</u>	<u>Vineyard Area*</u>
Bourgogne Blanc	Chardonnay	Planted 1992-2015	Clay, Limestone	1.07 ha
Bourgogne Aligoté	Aligoté	Planted in 1987		.20 ha
Meursault	Chardonnay	Planted 1960-1999		.66 ha
Meursault “En La Barre”	Chardonnay	Planted 1945-2011		1.62 ha
Meursault “Les Tillets”	Chardonnay	Planted 1958-2002		.66 ha
Meursault “Clos Le Meix Tavaux”	Chardonnay	Planted in 1984		.34 ha
Meursault Blagny 1er Cru	Chardonnay	Planted in 1957, 2009		.50 ha
Meursault Charmes 1er Cru	Chardonnay	Planted in 1963, 2007, 2014		.26 ha
Meursault Genevrières 1er Cru	Chardonnay	Planted 1970-2017		.54 ha
Meursault Poruzots 1er Cru	Chardonnay	Planted 1972-1994		.79 ha
Puligny-Montrachet “Le Trézin”	Chardonnay	Planted in 1956		.17 ha
Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru <i>Les Champs-Gains</i>	Chardonnay	Currently fallow, will be replanted in 2021		0.13 ha
Sain-Aubin 1er Cru <i>Sur le Sentier du Clou</i>	Chardonnay	Planted in 1961, 1987, 1990		.40 ha
Saint-Aubin 1er Cru <i>Les Perrières</i>	Chardonnay	Currently fallow, will be replanted in 2021		.08 ha
Bourgogne Rouge	Pinot Noir	25 years average		1.5 ha
Volnay	Pinot Noir	Planted in 1988		.18 ha
Beaune Epenottes 1er Cru	Pinot Noir	Planted in 1988		.96 ha
Beaune Montrevenots 1er Cru	Pinot Noir	45 years average		1.43 ha
Pommard	Pinot Noir	Planted in 1971		.15 ha
Pommard Epenots 1er Cru	Pinot Noir	Planted in 1982, 1986		.58 ha

“ha”=hectares; one hectare equals roughly two and a half acres

VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

- Vines are trained in Guyot (Poussard style)
- Hand-harvested
- Finished wines are bottled unfinned and in some vintages, lightly filtered



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Whites:

- Grapes are pressed gently by pneumatic press, with little to no *débourbage* (settling of the must)
- Both primary and malolactic fermentations are in oak barrels, only 20% of which are new
- No stirring of the lees
- Aged from 20-23 months in barrel (4-5 years old)
- **Bourgogne Blanc** is a blend of four *lieux-dits* : Herbeaux, En l'Ormeau, La Monatine, and Sous la Velle
- Starting with the 2020 vintage, the **Meursault** bottling blends *lieux-dits* Les Chaumes de Narvaux, Sous La Velle, Les Corbins, En La Barre, Tillets, Meix Tavaux and Pré de Manche. Prior to that, it was comprised of only Les Corbins, Les Chaumes des Perrières, and Sous la Velle.
- **Meursault Blagny 1^{er} Cru** is from *lieu-dit* La Pièce Sous le Bois

Reds:

- Grapes are 100% destemmed
- Cold-soak for five days, then fermentation during 10 days
- Aged for 12 months in barrel, only 20% of which are new
- **Bourgogne Rouge** is a blend of four *lieux-dits* in Pommard: L'Aumône, Taupe Maison Dieu, En la Taupe and Les Crenilles
- **Volnay** is from *lieu-dit* Les Combes

The Jobard family produced red wine for many years, most notably from the Blagny 1er Cru La Pièce Sous le Bois. They pulled the vines after the 2006 vintage to replant the vineyard to Chardonnay, and Antoine has been looking for a way to make red wine again ever since.

In August of 2019 Antoine was able to lease the vineyards of the Domaine André Mussy, a once-thriving domaine in Pommard. The vineyards are completely organic, having never seen chemicals, and Antoine spent a lot of time revitalizing them well in advance of the 2019 harvest—an effort that really shows in his brilliant first effort from these vines. He farms 6 hectares in all, featuring a collection of village and premier cru wines from Beaune, Volnay, and Pommard.