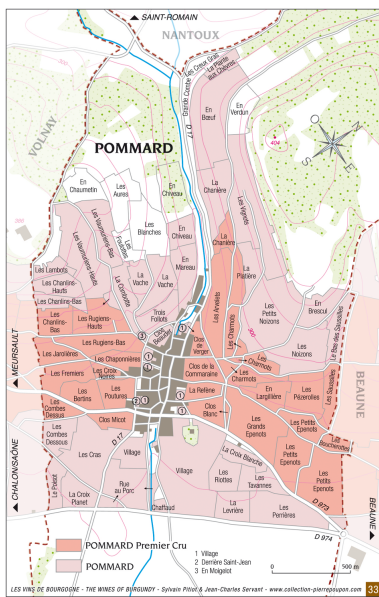




BOUCHARD AÎNÉ & FILS  
• BEAUNE •



Since 1750, Bouchard Aîné & Fils is devoted to the excellence and renown of the region's noble grapes. The 18th-century Hôtel du Conseiller du Roy in Beaune houses the cellars where is perpetuated, generation after generation, the tradition of quality, elegance and prestige in selecting and making fine Burgundy wines.

**Varietal**

100% Pinot Noir.

**Tasting notes**

**Visual:** elegant and limpid cherry red.

**Nose:** complex and powerful bouquet, dominated by fruity aromas (Morello cherries, fresh figs) and scents of woodland, undergrowth and spices.

**Palate :** a firm, powerful and robust wine with aromas of cherries, oak and spices, well-structured with mellow tannins. A wonderfully well-balanced wine.

**Food and wine pairing**

Ideal with roast game, grilled red meats, cheeses (especially cheeses ripened with a marc de Bourgogne).

**Serving suggestions**

Between 15°C to 16°C / 60°F.

**Ageing potential**

From 5 to 10 years.

**Origins**

A famous appellation from the Côte de Beaune, in Burgundy, taking its name from the village of Pommard.

The appellation area extends over 313 hectares and is devoted only to red wines, with 125 hectares classified as Premier Cru.

**Vinification and maturing**

Vinification in oak vats followed by maturing in barrels for 14 to 16 months, 20% new oak.





Vintage : 2018

Once again, the 2018 vintage in Burgundy offered the vision scenario of an early harvest. It was already the case in 2017, and 2018 was even earlier! This vintage comes in the earliest harvest palmares compare to the norm (around the 20<sup>th</sup> of September) and come just in the second place after the unforgettable 2003 vintage when harvest between the 20 and the 25<sup>th</sup> of August in the Côte d'Or department.

All along the year 2018, the weather was very diverse, even atypical according to the month and the area. After a rainy start in the year, the spring period was very summery with sunshine above the seasonal norms and quite scarce rain.

This trend continued until the harvest with a very hot and dry summer, this allowed the grapes to finish their maturation early. Harvest started on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August and lasted until the third week of September... a particularly long amplitude.

At least quality is here for this 2018 vintage, but also quantity. Grapes arrived to the winery with a perfect state of health. Concentrated, structured, generous, rich and powerful are some of the adjectives that characterize this magnificent vintage.