

Etienne Sauzet

The white wines of Puligny-Montrachet are probably the most famous and most widely acclaimed in the world. This is undoubtedly due to the local microclimates and the clay, siliceous sand and lime contents of the soil.

The domaine of Etienne Sauzet is made up of 26 acres, much of it in the heart of the premier crus vineyards of Puligny-Montrachet.

G rard Boudot, owner and winemaker of Domaine Sauzet, is seeking "maximum finesse and an individual expression of the climat." M. Boudot, who married the granddaughter of the late Etienne Sauzet, runs the domaine and has modernized and improved the vinification, making the wines of this domaine among the most sought-after white wines of Burgundy.

The estate has been bottling 100% of its production since the early 1950's. Since 1975, the domaine has been selling the entirety of its production in bottle. M. Boudot ferments and ages 100% of the premiers crus and grand crus in small oak, one-third of it being new wood, some from Nevers, some from Vosges, Limousin, and Allier.

The average age of the vines is 30-35 years. The fruit reaches a high degree of ripeness in these well-placed vineyards. The average yield is 40-45 hectoliters per hectare.



Although the winemaking technique is more modern in the hands of M. Boudot, he is maintaining M. Sauzet's tradition of aging the wines on their lees for 10 months to "nourish them."

The wines are not cold stabilized. The wine is left on the lees as long as possible, in order to extract all the flavor and richness out of them. Boudot vinifies with selected yeasts, lowering the temperature of the cellar so that this takes place at 18-20 degrees C. Fining is with isinglass and pre-filtering with kieselguhr, or diatomaceous earth, with a final pass through a membrane filter. Sauzet wines are superbly finished, fruity, full-bodied and authoritative examples of white Burgundies.

"This is one of the most serious estates in Burgundy. The wines are usually among the very best made... They are textbook white burgundies, brimming with flavor, yet elegant and well-balanced."

-Robert M. Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate

