

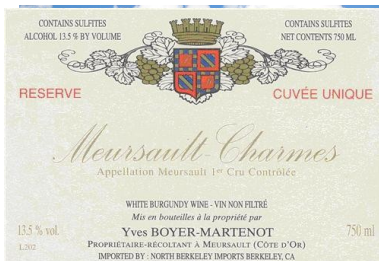
# Yves BOYER- MARTENOT

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## BURGUNDY Côte de Beaune

### OVERVIEW

This is a truly spectacular domaine, one of the star estates of the village of Meursault. With choice holdings of old non-clonal vines, Yves Boyer and his son Vincent achieve naturally low yields, which gives his wines great power and expression. On that note, he believes firmly in allowing site character to express itself clearly, as illustrated in his many single-vineyard offerings. His wines occupy a best-of-both-worlds position; they have vineyard typicity and terroir expressiveness on the one hand, and voluptuous, multidimensional flavors and textures on the other. They are delicious and exciting, but never overwrought or over-the-top. Yves guides the wines through lengthy malolactic fermentations on their own wild yeasts, followed by aging 12-15 months in oak, approximately one-third of which is new.

This estate's stupendous Bourgogne Blanc is the equivalent of many producers' village-level Meursault, and the wines just get better from there. The lieu-dit Meursault "L'Ormeau" comes from 80-90 year-old vines in the heart of the vineyard, and is very intense and long. Of his fantastic premier crus, "Les Perrières" tends toward raciness and steely minerality, while "Les Charmes" – considered by many to be the greatest wine in his lineup – is harmonious, ripe, honeyed, and luscious. Yves also produces two wonderful Puligny-Montrachet premier crus, competitive with the very best in the appellation. Between 1997 and 2007, the family bought several parcels of land in different appellations in Meursault as "Les Tillets", 1er Cru "Les Perrières", and then in Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru "le Cailleret".

**Varieties:** Aligoté,  
Chardonnay, Pinot Noir  
**Total Acreage:** about  
16 acres  
**Average Production:**  
2,500 cases

### VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- Uses only wild, indigenous yeasts
- Amount of lees stirring (batonnage) varies according to vintage
- Traditional methods: tilling, yield management, immature harvest, rational treatment, hand picking. They don't claim the organic label (Bio) but their approach is very close.
- Judicious use of new oak

### 2009 VINTAGE WINES

#### Bourgogne Blanc

Regional AOC produced in all of Burgundy. The vineyards are located in the village of Meursault on a calcareous soil. The originality of this appellation can offer an expression of terroir at a reasonable price with a nice range of flavors.

#### Meursault

Appellation Côte de Beaune enjoying a very positive direction and a soil rich in limestone, clay and chalk. The Meursault Villages displays a mineral character, buttery and fruity with a sensual style of perfume intense bouquet reminiscent of ripe grape.

#### Meursault "En l'Ormeau"

Appellation Côte de Beaune to the south of the village of Meursault. The plot is in the heart of the property, near the "Magny". These old vines have taken root on a clay soil where there once planted elms, trees used for building structures. This rich soil is expressed through our wine is well balanced and very fresh.

#### Meursault "Les Narvaux"

Appellation Côte de Beaune, "narvaux" in the vineyard are located on higher ground overlooking the village of Meursault Valley ("vaux" meaning "valley" in old dialect). The soil of this plot is poor clay allowing a good natural irrigation to produce a deep and refined wine.

#### Meursault 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Charmes

Appellation 1er Cru Côte de Beaune. Our parcel is located south of and close to Puligny 1er Crus. "Charmes" is a variant of "Thatched" which designated land denuded of vegetation, and ironically now gives the grapes of good quality to obtain an expanded wine, rich in character with aromas and vanilla bread and butter.

#### Meursault 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Perrières

Appellation 1er Cru Côte de Beaune, located on a stony soil that gives it its name, adjacent to the place called "charm" and the vineyards of Puligny. This renowned climate allows us to produce a wine rich and seductive perfume combining finesse and evocative ending with notes of chestnuts.

### ACCOLADES

#### Meursault 1er, 'Charmes', Boyer-Martenot 91 points

A discreet touch of wood sets off airy, ripe and complex aromas of lightly spiced pear, white peach and a hint of toasted nuts that give way to rich, round and solidly concentrated flavors that possess good mid-palate fat as well as reasonably good detail on the balanced, intense and graceful finish. This is very Charmes in character with its generous yet elegant flavors. - *Burghound*

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