



**TERROIRS** This village-level cuvee hails from four vineyard parcels from Meursault’s southern plain: “Gruyaches,” “Pellans,” “Moulin Landin” and “Pelles”—the totality of which consists of just over one hectare (2.47 acres). Clay and limestone soils.

**FARMING** Officially sustainable, but farmed using predominantly biodynamic principles. Philippe farms without the use of herbicides, pesticides, and fungicides. In 2002, Philippe decided to work in tandem with a farming consultant to experiment with biodynamic methods. Natural composts of nettles and chamomile replace the use of synthetic fertilizer. Like most biodynamic producers, he plants cow horns filled with quartz powder, burned vine cuttings and marrow in the fall, which decompose over the winter. He then mixes the contents of the horns and mixes with water and spins them in a special vortex machine to create a natural power fertilizer. In addition, he plows by horse five times per year to aerate the soils, pulls leaves to aerate between grape clusters, and de buds to reduce yields.

**GRAPE VARIETALS** 100% Chardonnay

**VINE AGE** “Gruyaches” was planted in 1932, “Pellans” in 1945, “Moulin Landin” in 1957 and “Pelles” in 1973

**AVERAGE YIELD** 35 hectoliters per hectare

**WINEMAKING** Philippe seeks slow, natural fermentations. The grapes are sorted, lightly crushed in whole clusters and gently pressed to maximize aromatics and avoid bruising the skins. He allows the must to settle and rest on its lees, followed by a three-week primary fermentation in stainless steel tanks at a cool 18°C to maintain vibrancy and freshness. The wine is raked into a combination of oak barrels of different ages and provenances, 30% of which is new, where it finishes malolactic fermentation and ages for 14 months with an occasional stirring of the lees. The wine is never fined and only lightly filtered before bottling.

**TASTING NOTES** Golden in color and richly aromatic, notes of honey, grapes and hawthorn converge in a round yet finely chiseled texture. Balanced and approachable.

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION** ~3,200 bottles or 265 cases (on a normal year) / 2012: 200 cases / 2013: 233 cases

