

Burgundy: A Taste of the 2023 Lineup from Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson, the Leading Light of Saint-Romain



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Saint-Romain's contemporary reference point, brothers Franck and Frédéric preside over this 20-hectare domaine, producing characterful, stylish wines in both colors. The Buisson family has been estate bottling since 1947 and farming organically since the late 1940s, forerunners in both respects. After a brief period of more conventional farming during the 1980s and 1990s, the estate has since reaffirmed its commitment to organic viticulture and now holds both organic (since 2008) and biodynamic (since 2018) certifications.



From left to right: Brothers Franck Buisson and Frédéric Buisson (Photo by Jon Wyand)

Today, white grapes are sorted, crushed to extract from the skins and pressed pneumatically for two and a half hours before being barreled down with minimal settling. The wines then spend two winters on the lees: during the first 12 months, about one-third matures in concrete eggs, one-third in 350- and 228-liter barrels and one-third in 12-hectoliter oak foudres, followed by four to six months in concrete tanks, resulting in an incisive, gently reductive style. The reds see judicious extraction, with some 25% to 60% whole bunches contributing perfume and sapidity. They mature for their first year in 228-liter barrels before being transferred to concrete tanks for an additional four to six months. All of this is performed with comparatively low-sulfur winemaking; in most cuvées, sulfites are not added until bottling.































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After a series of sunny vintages, where Saint-Romain's altitude helped to preserve freshness, their success in the cooler 2021 growing season proved that good farming and attentive winemaking deliver results, irrespective of the conditions. The high quality of the bottled 2023 vintage further attests to this: the wines have largely retained vibrancy and aromatic freshness, despite their density and slightly higher degrees of alcohol.

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Vintage	Rating
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson Corton Grand Cru Le Rognet et Corton  	RP 94
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru  	RP 94
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson Corton Grand Cru Les Renardes  	RP 93+
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson Saint-Romain Sous la Velle  	RP 93
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson Meursault Les Vignes de Marguerite  	RP 93
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson Saint-Romain Sous le Château  	RP 93
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson Saint-Romain En Poillange  	RP 92+
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson Volnay 1er Cru Chanlin  	RP 91+
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson Saint-Romain Perrière  	RP 91
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson Saint-Romain Sous Roche  	RP 91
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson Saint-Romain Combe Bazin  	RP 90
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson Bourgogne Aligoté Pierre Percée  	RP 88
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson Bourgogne Rouge  	RP 88
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Domaine Henri & Gilles Buisson Bourgogne Blanc (Maison)  	RP 88