

Domaine Vincent Dancer

Chassagne-Montrachet



"The rapid ascent of Vincent Dancer to the summit of the Burgundian hierarchy is not surprising to us. It was easy to see that this young winemaker, an outsider without preconceived notions, impassioned but hard-working, and with some of the Côte de Beaune's most hallowed terroir at his disposal, would reach the summit."

Le Classement des Meilleurs Vins de France 2006 - 2 stars



Vincent Dancer exemplifies Burgundy's hard-working younger generation and its passion for wine. In 2003 he was profiled by both *La Revue du Vin* and *Decanter*, France and England's most serious wine magazines. He prunes severely, harvests by hand, ferments with wild yeast, and racks only once. Like Coche-Dury and other top producers, Vincent doesn't fine or filter his wine (he stopped systematic filtration—except for his Bourgogne blanc—with the '04 vintage). He's moving from *lutte raisonnée* to completely organic in the

vineyards in 2006. He's careful with his use of new oak. Indeed this young man is careful about everything, as one senses immediately upon meeting him. His whites show great purity of fruit braced by minerality and often with a strong hint of lime. His reds are rich, dark, and spicy.

Vincent's production is tiny. In his cellar he will point out his three barrels of Pommard Pézerolles or his six barrels of Chassagne La Romanée. His largest premier cru parcel is in La Romanée (one of the best vineyards in Chassagne) and it's all of one acre. Arguably his best value is his citrus and mineral-laden Meursault Les Grands Charrons, where he has a half-acre plot planted in 1968. It grows on a steep slope next to the premier cru Les Gouttes d'Or.

He's also something of a purist when it comes to respecting terroir. He bottles a white under the Tête du Clos name, and a red under the Grande Borne name. These are the names of their vineyards, but both of these Chassagne wines could legally be called Morgeot under a little known anomaly in the AC rules that gives 21 different vineyards the right to be labeled with the name of that larger and better known premier cru for marketing purposes. Vincent will have none of that; he wants to make his own mark.

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Vins Blancs

- ♣ Bourgogne: vines planted in 1999 in Les Magnys, commune of Meursault
- ♣ Chassagne-Montrachet: from Voillenots Dessus and Bergerie; vines date from 1999 and 2001
- ♣ Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Tête du Clos: vines date from 1954
- ♣ Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru La Romanée: vines date from 1979
- ♣ Meursault Les Corbins: located below the Volnay 1er Cru Santenots; vines date from 1986
- ♣ Meursault Les Grands Charrons: vines date from 1968. Name means The Great Wagons because this steep vineyard overlooks what was once a primary trading road.
- ♣ Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrières: vines date from 1963
- ♣ Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru: .22 acre; vines date from 1952

Vins Rouges

- ♣ Bourgogne Vieilles Vignes: .69 acre planted in 1950 in La Taupe, commune of Pommard
- ♣ Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru La Grande Borne: vines date from 1984
- ♣ Beaune 1er Cru Les Montrevenots: vines date from 1996
- ♣ Pommard Les Perrières: vines date from 1953
- ♣ Pommard 1er Cru Les Pézerolles: vines date from 1979