

Domaine
NICOLAS ROSSIGNOL

Volnay 1er Cru Cailleret

Geography : Located right below Taillepieds (split in two by the departmental road). It owes its name to the rocks that form its ground.

Soil and environment : The soil is a mix of clay and chalk set on a hard chalky layer from the Jurassic. It is light brown with a light texture and contains a lot of pebbles. Steep slope with South-East exposure.

The vine : Blend of 20 and 50 year-old vines.

The wine : The wine is really elegant, delicate, and almost ethereal. Floral and mineral notes on the palate with silky tannins. Beautiful aromatic body. Developing length and complexity as it sits in the mouth. We call it « the lace of Volnay ».

Accolades

“Nico Rossignol combines fruit from two parcels on different soil types to produce this superb red from one of Volnay’s finest terroirs. Fermented with 10% whole clusters to ‘preserve delicacy’ in the wine, this is ethereal and perfumed with lovely poise and balance and the underlying concentration and intensity to age well in bottle. The 20% new wood is expertly handled.” - Decanter

“100% destemmed; Rossignol produced about 30 hectoliters per hectare as there was less frost here than in the Clos des Angles): Bright red with ruby tones. Captivating, limestone-inflected aromas of black cherry, coffee, mocha and crushed rock, lifted by a floral topnote. Wonderfully elegant, fine-grained and deep, with its intense flavors of dark raspberry, redcurrant, spices and smoky minerality displaying superb thrust. This seriously thick yet energetic wine finishes with totally buffered tannins and outstanding slowly mounting spicy length. The pH is also high here but this wine is enlivened by its terrific limestone energy. Incidentally, this is one of the few 2016s here that Rossignol prefers to its 2015 sibling, along with the Pommard Les Epenots. - Vinous

Winery Accolades

Though Rossignol’s new winery is located on the outskirts of Beaune, I continue associating this producer with Pommard, since Nicolas Rossignol has several holdings in this appellation, not to mention that his heart clearly lies here. He is garrulous, erudite and passionate when talking about wine, always armed with the insider’s gossip about what is really going on in Burgundy. More importantly, I rate him as a superb winemaker, and his wines have progressed since he relocated from the winery shared with his friend Benjamin Leroux. - Vinous