



DOMINIQUE LAFON Owner/Director, Comtes Lafon



Domaine des Comtes Lafon, often described as the world's best producer of white wine is owned by an ambitious man, Dominique Lafon who has worked hard over the years to develop the Meursault estate to the grandeur that it is today. The estate was acquired in 1918 by Jules Lafon through marriage and passed down through the Lafon family over the preceding years. In 1956 Rene Lafon, the grandson of Jules Lafon, took ownership of the estate and the name "Domaine des Comtes Lafon" was established. Changing hands one final time, Rene's son Dominique who took over the domaine in 1987, and the legacy of the Meursault estate began.

Dominique Lafon began to remove sharecropping contracts of the vineyard, and finally gained total control in 1993. The vineyard became all organic in 1995, and has been biodynamic since 1998. Owning parcels in some of the top premier crus in Meursault, as well as a prized few vines of the Montrachet grand cru and some hectares in the very best sector of Volnay's Santenots premier cru, Dominique Lafon asserts that he is "the only grower in Meursault with parcels in all six of the best crus", an achievement that showcases Lafon's excellence and dedication.

One area in which Dominique Lafon excels is found in achieving typicity in each of his crus, demonstrating little variation in winemaking technique aside from using new oak. The varieties of vintages produced are diverse yet encompassing of Dominique's skill of maintaining typicity. The Clos de la Barre, a Meursault village wine, is described as robust and serious, while the Charmes Premier Cru is much rounder with seductive elements but strong finish. Lafon's Montrachet Grand Cru is pronounced by great flavor and finesse.

In 1999 Lafon started to acquire vineyards in Macon where he could grow the same grape in the same soil only an hour away from Meursault. This expansion is a project separate from the domaine, however is proving to be a successful advancement employing Dominique Lafon's winemaking expertise and satisfying his restless nature.

Inspired and influenced by Burgundy-based wine broker Becky Wassermann, who he worked with in the 1980's as well as legendary names, Henri Jayer, Gerard Potel, Jacques d'Angerville, and Hubert de Montille. Dominique Lafon continues to assert control over his vines and winemaking with proficiency and over 30 years of experience.