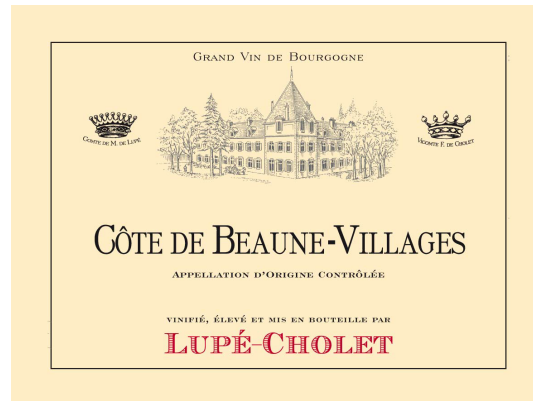


  
CÔTE DE M. DE LUPÉ

  
VINCENT F. DE CHOLET

**DOMAINE  
LUPÉ-CHOLET**  
depuis 1903



***Area of production and geology***

The vineyard is located in Côte de Beaune, central Burgundy. The vines are planted on mid to lower slopes, on clay-rich limestone soils, facing East-South-East, therefore well exposed to the sun and well-drained.

***Grape variety***

100% Pinot Noir.

***Vinification***

The grapes are picked manually into 30-odd kilogram harvesting crates and transported as quickly as possible to the winery, so as to avoid heat, rain, or bruising of the grapes. The contents of the cases then go through the sorting table, to get rid of stones, leaves, green bunches (verjux), etc... According to the nature of the vintage, 85 to 100% of the harvest is destemmed so as to avoid excessive bitterness from the stalks. Fermentation with maceration then goes on for 15 to 20 days in conical vats equipped with radiators for thermoregulation. This allows control of fermentation temperatures and has direct influence on aromas and colour extraction. Finally, gentle pressing makes way for the breeding and elegance of the wine.

***Maturation***

The wines are barrelled for 16 months, according to vintage, in oak casks, of which 20 to 40 % are new, with a variety of origins of wood : Tronçais, Nevers, Vosges, Burgundy. Maturation in new casks brings the fragrances and tannin of the wood, and also, via its porosity, limited natural oxygenation helping favourable maturation of the wine. Whilst the wine is maturing, it is regularly stirred up (bâtonné), putting the lees back into suspension, bringing more fatness and roundness. Racking takes place prior to bottling, with no fining, just light filtration, preserving the natural riches of the appellation.

***Tasting notes***

Deep ruby red colour. In the nose, its fruit is fresh and quite delicate with redcurrant, red cherry and China tea. This wine has delicate tannins on the palate with a quite notable structure.

***Gastronomical suggestions***

It will be perfect with red meats or white, particularly in rich sauces, also with fine or even strong cheeses. Serve at 16°C to 17°C.

***Ageing potential***

7 to 10 years.