

DOMAINE BORIS CHAMPY / *Burgundy*



Owner / Winemaker

Boris Champy

Appellation

Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

Presentation

Boris Champy is an experienced oenologist with a career spanning both sides of the Atlantic. He spent a decade at California's Dominus Estate before returning to Burgundy, where he became technical director at Domaine Louis Latour in Beaune and later managed Clos des Lambrays in Morey-Saint-Denis. These roles gave him deep, hands-on expertise from vineyard to cellar, as well as the entrepreneurial drive to establish his own domaine.

He went on to acquire the estate from Didier Montchovet, who had no successor. Montchovet's domaine was a pioneer of biodynamic viticulture in Burgundy, and he entrusted Boris not only with the property but also with the philosophy that has guided it since 1984. The handover began informally during the 2019 harvest, when Boris joined the team, ensuring a smooth and continuous transition of both vineyards and approach.

Today, Boris Champy is focused on the future of the Hautes-Côtes, championing its potential, particularly at higher altitudes in the context of a warming climate. Working alongside neighbouring growers, he aims to raise the profile of this still underappreciated region. Domaine Boris Champy expresses this vision through wines that highlight the subtleties of place, from microclimates and exposures to the finer details of each vineyard site.

Wines produced

BOURGOGNE ALIGOTE DORE (WHITE)
BOURGOGNE ALIGOTE PRESSE VERTICALE 429 (WHITE)
BOURGOGNE HAUTES COTES DE BEAUNE BLANC MONTAGNE 382 (WHITE)
BOURGOGNE HAUTES COTES DE BEAUNE BLANC PRESSE VERTICALE (WHITE)
COTEAUX BOURGUIGNONS GAMAY FINS (RED)
HAUTES COTES DE BEAUNE ROUGE ALTITUDE (RED)
HAUTES COTES DE BEAUNE ROUGE EN BIGNON 421 (RED)
HAUTES COTES DE BEAUNE ROUGE LE CLOU 377 (RED)
POMMARD EN BOEUF (RED)
BEAUNE 1ER CRU AUX COUCHERIAS (RED)
BEAUNE 1ER CRU VIGNES FRANCHES (RED)
CREMANT DE BOURGOGNE (WHITE)
COTEAUX BOURGUIGNONS BLANC PETIT AIGLE ORGANIC (WHITE)
BOURGOGNE BLANC PETIT AIGLE ORGANIC (WHITE)
BOURGOGNE ROUGE PETIT AIGLE ORGANIC (RED)
CHENAS ROUGE ORGANIC (RED)
PETIT AIGLE SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE ORGANIC (RED)

Grape varieties planted

Pinot Noir
Gamay
Chardonnay
Aligoté

Size of vineyard

12 hectares.

Average age of the vines

40 years.

Location

Located in Nantoux in the Hautes Côtes de Beaune.

Soils

Clay-limestone.

Viticulture & Winemaking

Viticulture at the estate follows organic and biodynamic principles, with vineyards managed as living ecosystems and islands of biodiversity. Hedgerows, stone walls, fruit trees, and natural enclosures all contribute to a balanced environment that supports biodiversity and resilience. Sheep graze cover crops, naturally controlling vegetation while enriching the soils. The approach is deliberately low-intervention and agroecological, with respect for the land, biodiversity, and terroir taking precedence over any form of manipulation.

In the cellar, grapes are harvested by hand at optimal ripeness, with rigorous sorting. Some parcels are vinified as whole bunches to enhance aromatic complexity. White wines are gently pressed using a vertical press to ensure a slow, delicate extraction, while red wines ferment in wooden vats or large foudres, with restrained extraction to preserve finesse and purity.

Ageing takes place on fine lees for around 12 months, typically in barrels with a measured proportion of new oak. The wines are bottled unfinned, unfiltered, and without chill stabilisation, preserving their natural texture and integrity. Every stage of work at Domaine Boris Champy is guided by a clear objective: to express the nuances of each site, from microclimates and exposures to soil and altitude, producing wines that reflect the diversity of the Hautes-Côtes.