



DOMAINE COLLOTTE MARSANNAY LES BOIVINS

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Marsannay has a reputation for producing very attractive, generous and well-priced Pinot Noir and is the only Burgundy appellation that can also release white and rosé. Locally Domaine Collotte is regarded very much as a winery to watch.

Four generations of the Collotte family have lived and grown vines in Marsannay-la-Côte, the most northerly village of the Côte de Nuits. In 1981, Philippe Collotte - aged only 16 - was the first to bottle his own wines under the family

name. Today, his talented daughter Isabelle runs this 17-hectare domaine having finished her studies at the prestigious wine school of Beaune. In her skilful hands the wines have developed increased levels of purity and expression, while the recent construction of a new cellar will see quality further increase. The vines are mostly older than 50 years, and at a stage where they are consistently producing wines of seductive aroma, intensity and silky texture, which are only given the lightest of touch with oak barrels just to enhance the character of the wines.

The Collotte wines have such beautiful fruit character that they are delicious young, however there is also the capacity for ageing for at least a decade from vintage in most cases.

From 50 year old vines grown

on limestone soils towards the top of the slope, this offers lifted cranberry, raspberry, hint of cep mushroom and cherry; the warmth of the vintage making this quite forward and ripe. Already showing well, this has impressive density, with broad soft tannins and a touch of spice; medium weight; full of interest and flavour.

