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FINE WINES



Burgundy, France



## Domaine Potinet Ampeau Volany 1er Cru “Les Clos des Chênes” 2016

SKU 477115 | 6x750 ml | Listed | \$99.99 Wholesale

### Wine Profile

Volnay 1er Cru 'Clos des Chênes' is one of the best-known vineyards of this generation. Here we have fruit, just coming into its maturity, but with lots of legs left to run. The precise, chiseled palate is generous with red fruit and density. A great vineyard, in a classic vintage, from Potinet-Ampeau... who know a thing or two about making wine to age.

### Winery Story

Vincent Durrieu is the fifth generation of this family to work the domain, continuing with very traditional Burgundian methods. Domaine Potinet-Ampeau is one of very few to make wine meant to be laid down and to hold vintages in their own cellars to allow them to age correctly before release. The Domaine Potinet-Ampeau is situated in the village of Monthelie in the southern part of the Cote de Beaune, near to Meursault, Volnay and Auxey-Duresses. The domain works 21.5 acres and produces as much red as white in appellations in the villages of Puligny-Montrachet, Meursault, Auxey-Duresses, Volnay, Pommard and Monthelie. The vines are on average 30 years old, and the vineyards are plowed (without herbicides) and treated reasonably with natural compounds. They use an older style mechanical press (**like their neighbour, Coche Dury**) to extract the most from their grapes. Their wines are aged in Allier barrels though only a maximum of 30% are new. This enables the terroir and the variety's character to shine through without being overly dominated by oak. Their resulting wines are fresh, clean and balanced, and a delight to drink.

### Volnay Clos des Chêne Appellation

Etymology: Chêne is the French word for oak tree.

From a walled vineyard named by Jancis Robinson MW as one of the “great names” of Volnay: Clos des Chênes lies at the southern end of Volnay, where the best wines are found, and produces wines that are “very pure in their expression of fruit” with “the ability to age well”.

The Clos des Chênes is one of Volnay's most notable premier cru vineyards, located on the midslope of the Côte d'Or escarpment. The wines of this cru are some of Volnay's best, exhibiting bright fruit characters along with fine tannins, good acidity, and plenty of elegance. The bedrock geology of Clos de Chênes seems to influence a major transition in soil and terroir across the vineyard. The upper portion of Clos de Chênes has whiter soils and tends to produce wines with more structure, tannin, and austerity than the redder, richer soils at the bottom of the vineyard. Interestingly, the upper portion of the vineyard with whiter soils also has a slightly convex shape to the slope. This indicates that the soil is likely shallower, whereas the lower portion with redder soil is more concave, providing a small space, or “belly” for soil, and nutrients, to accumulate.

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