



KERMIT LYNCH WINE MERCHANT

DOMAINE LARUE

Country: France

Region: Burgundy

Appellation(s): Saint-Aubin,

Puligny-Montrachet

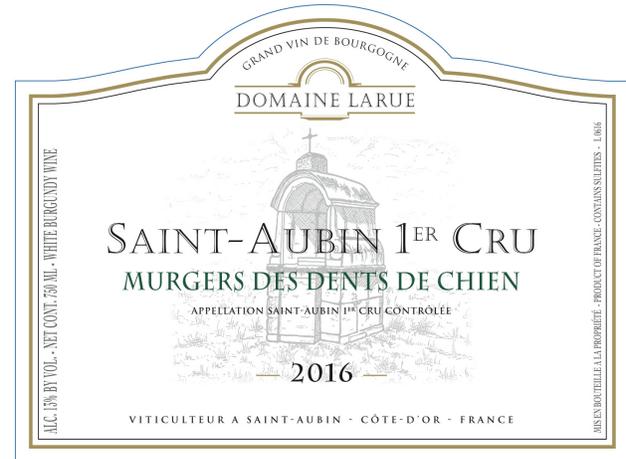
Producer: Didier, Denis, and Bruno Larue

Founded: 1946

Annual Production: 5,800 cases

Farming: Lutte Raisonnée

Website: <http://www.larue-vins.com>



In 1946, Guy Larue founded his family's estate in the small hamlet of Gamay, in Saint-Aubin, located just behind the famed Montrachet and Chevalier-Montrachet slope. Much like its neighbor Chassagne-Montrachet to the south, Saint-Aubin was historically known for red wine, though the Larues have specialized in the great white *crus* of Saint-Aubin. In 1976, Guy's son Denis assumed the reins of Domaine Larue and was joined by his brother, Didier, in 1982. In 2006, Denis's son Bruno joined the Domaine, thus continuing the family's winemaking lineage.

The Larue holdings are spread between the two villages of Saint-Aubin and Puligny-Montrachet, with a large concentration at the southern portion of the Saint-Aubin appellation. These holdings include seven *premier cru* climats, on south, southeast, and southwestern facing slopes, grown on variations of clay soils with a high concentration of limestone. Combined with the varying grades of slope and elevations ranging from 800 to 1200 feet, the Larues have a truly magical diversity within Saint-Aubin, one of the under-rated gems of Burgundy. The domaine's *premier cru* vineyard in Puligny-Montrachet, La Garenne, sits at a high altitude in the Hameau de Blagny, bordering Meursault. Their largest parcel, Saint-Aubin *premier cru* "Murgers des Dents de Chien," shares its name with the Dents de Chien *lieu-dit* of Le Montrachet that is right around the corner and is the domaine's prized vineyard, capable of producing wine that can age and improve in the bottle for decades.

Wines from Larue possess purity, energy, and an invariable minerality derived from the predominant limestone soils of Saint-Aubin. The Larues are meticulous and precise in all aspects of winegrowing and winemaking and their wines reflect these qualities. Tasting the full range is a veritable tour of the appellation, with each *terroir's* individual and striking signature clearly evident. These wonderful white Burgundies have the additional benefit of being approachable young, although they are tightly wound and can always benefit from a few extra years of bottle age.



KERMIT LYNCH WINE MERCHANT

DOMAINE LARUE (continued)

<u>Wine</u>	<u>Blend</u>	<u>Vine Age</u>	<u>Soil Type</u>	<u>Vineyard Area*</u>
Bourgogne Rouge	Pinot Noir	Planted 1978	Clay, limestone	.32 ha
Saint-Aubin	Chardonnay	Planted 1995, 2006	Clay, limestone	.25 ha
Saint-Aubin “Les Eduens”	Pinot Noir	Planted 1972, 1980	Limestone	1.08 ha
Saint-Aubin 1^{er} Cru <i>Sous Roche Dumay</i>	Chardonnay	Planted in 1969, 1973, 1985, 1994	Clay, limestone	.94 ha
Saint-Aubin 1^{er} Cru <i>Les Combes</i>	Chardonnay	Planted 1985	Alluvial deposits, clay, limestone	.46 ha
Saint-Aubin 1^{er} Cru <i>En Montceau</i>	Chardonnay	Planted 1963, 2000	Clay, limestone	.43 ha
Saint-Aubin 1^{er} Cru <i>Les Cortons</i>	Chardonnay	Planted 1992	Clay, limestone	.48 ha
Saint-Aubin 1^{er} Cru <i>En Remilly</i>	Chardonnay	Planted 1989	limestone	.35 ha
Saint-Aubin 1^{er} Cru <i>Murgers des Dents de Chien</i>	Chardonnay	Planted 1946, 1964, 1972, 1990, 1997	Clay, limestone	1.12 ha
Saint-Aubin Rouge 1^{er} Cru <i>Sur le Sentier du Clou</i>	Pinot Noir	Planted 1966-1995	Clay, limestone	1.10 ha
Chassagne-Montrachet 1^{er} Cru <i>“La Boudriotte”</i>	Pinot Noir	Planted 1941	Clay, limestone	.19 ha
Puligny-Montrachet 1^{er} Cru <i>La Garenne</i>	Chardonnay	Planted 1946, 1950, 1963, 1975	Clay, limestone with fossil deposits	.59 ha
Puligny-Montrachet 1^{er} Cru <i>Sous le Puits</i>	Chardonnay	Planted 1951, 1982	Clay, limestone	1.88 ha
Blagny 1^{er} Cru <i>Sous le Puits</i>	Pinot Noir	Planted 1946	Clay, limestone	.21 ha

* “ha”=hectares; one hectare equals roughly two and a half acres

VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

- Vineyards are sustainably farmed
- All grapes are harvested and sorted by hand

Whites:

- Primary fermentation in barrel (25% new)
- Aged *sur-lie* for 10-12 months with occasional lees stirring
- Wine is raked before bottling



KERMIT LYNCH WINE MERCHANT

DOMAINE LARUE (continued)

Reds:

- Grapes are de-stemmed
- Grapes are cold macerated, then must goes through primary fermentation in cement tanks with punch downs
- Must is pressed and racked into barrel (30-40% new)
- Wine ages for 12-18 months in barrel then 3-4 months in tank before being bottled unfiltered

Bourgogne Rouge:

- Vineyard located in the *climat* of “Fontaine Sot”, in the commune of Chassagne-Montrachet
- Grapes are de-stemmed
- Grapes are cold-macerated 3-5 days, then must goes through primary fermentation in cement tanks for 15-20 days with 3 punchdowns per day
- Aged 10 months in barrel (30-40% new) before bottling

Saint-Aubin “Les Eduens”:

- Named after the population that lived in Saint-Aubin in Roman times