

**WHERE**  
FRANCE

**WHAT**  
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DARING & DASHING

VIRÉ-CLESSÉ  
VIEILLES VIGNES  
*grand vin de bourgogne*

PAUL CROSES  
2015

## PAUL CROSES VIRE-CLESSE VIEILLES VIGNES

Vire-Clessé is for the pioneer.

PAUL CROSES

**WINEMAKER** Pierre Meurgey

**REGION** Vire-Clessé

**GRAPE VARIETY** Chardonnay

**SOIL** Clay & limestone

**AGE OF VINES** Planted around 1952

**PRODUCTION** 15,000 bottles



### CONCEPTUAL DOPPELGÄNGER

The expectations are high when the focus is so narrowly on you. Expectations for what, one may ask? Success or failure - either a spectacle worth watching. Thankfully the inherent talent and skill of the hands at work behind the scenes have kept the keel mostly in the water and produced a stunning ingénue. I want to look. I want to know. I want to...be a part of the story. So beautifully aglow in a mixed hue of youth and talent and notoriety. Get in before the hoopla makes you a bandwagon-hopper. Be original - like this original.

**VITI VINI** A single parcel with south-east exposure on top of a slope at 350m of altitude, the soil is shallow and roots run deep. The Vire-Clessé appellation is only 17 years old. Less history makes it less known, but this is its value. Sustainably farmed, whole bunch pressed, natural primary and malolactic fermentation, and maturation in 80% stainless steel, 20% 2-5 year old 450-600L barrels. 9 months on lees. Protein stabilized, filtered, and bottled 11 months after harvest.

**PRODUCER** Pierre Meurgey was born in 1959 at the Hospices de Beaune, one of the region's greatest vintages, and at one of its most historic locations. The fourth generation of passionate Burgundy winemakers, Pierre has a Burgundian soul. After spending decades producing wine for notable Domaine in the region, in 2014 he and his wife, Marion, set out to produce their own wine. Pierre's family is from Uchizy and his Maconnais roots make the area is quite special for

him. Entrenched in the region and committed to the specificity of the "Climats de Bourgogne" he vinifies and bottles with the care of a craftsman whose primary aim is to respect the terroir. Paul Croses is Pierre Meurgey's grandfather and the label is an ode to him. They work with trusted growers where they have deep relationships. The aim is to produce top quality Burgundy at accessible prices.

