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## **CYPRIEN ARLAUD** Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru 'Les Petits Monts'

Domaine Arlaud is a reference point for natural Burgundy wines. Preserving the health and character of their vineyards is of utmost importance to this generations-deep biodynamic winemaking clan. For more than 20 years we've partnered with this family from Morey-Saint-Denis, witnessing each vintage the ever-greater clarity of expression they have been able to achieve in each of their harmonious Burgundy wines. Today the Arlauds stand side-by-side with Burgundy's most respected names. The estate holds both organic and biodynamic certifications, the very first to do so in Morey-Saint-Denis.

WINERY: Domaine Arlaud Père et Fils (Cyprien Arlaud\*)

WINEMAKER: Cyprien Arlaud

ESTABLISHED: 1949

**REGION:** FRANCE • Burgundy • Morey-Saint-Denis

APPELLATION: Vosne-Romanée AOC

BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir

**VINEYARDS:** Premier cru plot 'Les Petits Monts' is located at the forest line on a steep slope, facing east; at its feet downslope is grand cru Richebourg. Soils are very stony, with a good amount of sand; erosion is a constant concern. The Arlaud family rents less than a quarter-acre here.

AGE OF VINES: 70+ years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in cement tanks. Aged in French oak barrel (25% new). Bottled unfined and unfiltered, according to the lunar cycle.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of purple flowers, light licorice, red and black plums, black cherries. Textured, suave; lightly spiced finish.

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Seared duck breast with cherries; wild mushroom tart; moderately aged French cow's cheeses

**NOTES:** This wine represents a separate project of Cyprien Arlaud, established in 2012. Through long-term rental agreements for specific vineyards, Cyprien's team cares for vines biodynamically, harvests fruit themselves and vinifies at the Arlaud family cellars.

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