



Coste-Caumartin

14.5 ha owned and *en ferme*. Pommard *premier cru* in Clos des Boucherottes (*monopole*), Les Fremiers; Beaune *premier cru* Les Chouacheux; village Pommard; village Saint-Romain *blanc*, including the *lieux-dits* Sous Roche and Sous le Château.

Should you feel you are being watched, as you stand in the creepered, medieval Coste-Caumartin courtyard, complete with an old well, then look up. There is a gargoyled ancestor implacably staring down at you from within a mansard window. Despite the grapes being de-stemmed entirely, there is a character about these wines which is unmistakably rustic—in a good sense. Jérôme Sordet, whose ancestors have owned this estate since 1780, can offer you some very good wines at the top levels. His Clos des Boucherottes is excellent.

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