



Grand Cru "Montrachet" - OTI@I&A

## CIRCUIT 23

### Walk in Montrachet

The walker will discover the famous vineyards of Puligny-Montrachet, its landscape and its history, walking in the footsteps of the monks of the Abbaye de Maizières.

- **Start:** Puligny-Montrachet: 12 km south of Beaune on the N 74
- **Parking:** Puligny-Montrachet, Place des Marronniers, opposite the hotel restaurant "Le Montrachet"
- **Distance:** about 8.5 km
- **Duration:** about 2 hours 30
- **Height gained:** about 135 m
- **Level:** family
- **Markers:** directional posts and paint marks on various objects (walls, trees, ground etc).
- **WARNING:** do not confuse with the orange cross and squares of the bridle way.
- **Restrictions:** avoid in hot weather, as there is little shade. TAKE CARE during the hunting season (September till end-February) and official culls.

### Walk in Montrachet

From the car park, go to the starting panel of circuit no 23 located at the opposite corner of the square from the hotel.

Take Rue du Pot de Fer.

On leaving the village, turn left into the vineyards heading south **1**.

The road continues to be tarred.

Ignore a small road on the right and continue towards the quarries of Chassagne-Montrachet.

Near a nearly circular structure, turn right and, in 20 m, turn right between two stone walls **2**. Ignore a metalled road to the right.

At the next junction, turn left on a small tarmac road.

At the next junction, turn left on the D113a for 10 m, then turn right and head uphill.

Arriving at the "Chevalier Montrachet", turn right and, in 10 m, turn left into the grassy path past the long wall **3**.

At the end of the wall, cross a wide dirt road and continue on the path which is not well marked and which rises, veering slightly to the left **4**. Arriving at the top of Montrachet, coming out of the thickets, turn right (**post P34**) and walk along the vineyards **5** in the direction of a pine wood.

Arriving at a metalled road, turn right.

After the pierced standing stone **6**, turn left on a metalled path uphill **7**.

Towards the top of the road, walk along a hedge of boxwood and other shrubs.

Ignore a path on the left (view left of Saint Aubin).

On the tarmac road 8 (post P35), turn right. (Please note: this is a crossroads of Pays Beaunois circuits: circuit 22 turns left to descend to Gamay while no 15 climbs to Roche Dumay) (post P23).

The tarmac road runs down amid the vineyards 9.

Pass close to the "Chapelle Saint Charles" from 1740 (the sculpture has disappeared). Turn right to pass through the hamlet of Blagny 10.

After the first houses, following the road, turn left and then right (post P36).

Just after the tennis courts, go left on a metalled path along the old wall of the property.

Continue down, ignoring two paths on the left.

Near a house (Service des Eaux/Water Department), turn right.

Then turn left towards the small pine wood. Reaching the tarmac road, turn left 11 and then, in 20 m, left again 12.



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At the junction, at Meursault-Charmes, turn right.

Ignore all side paths 13 including a small tarmac road to the right 14.

At the stop sign, cross the road.

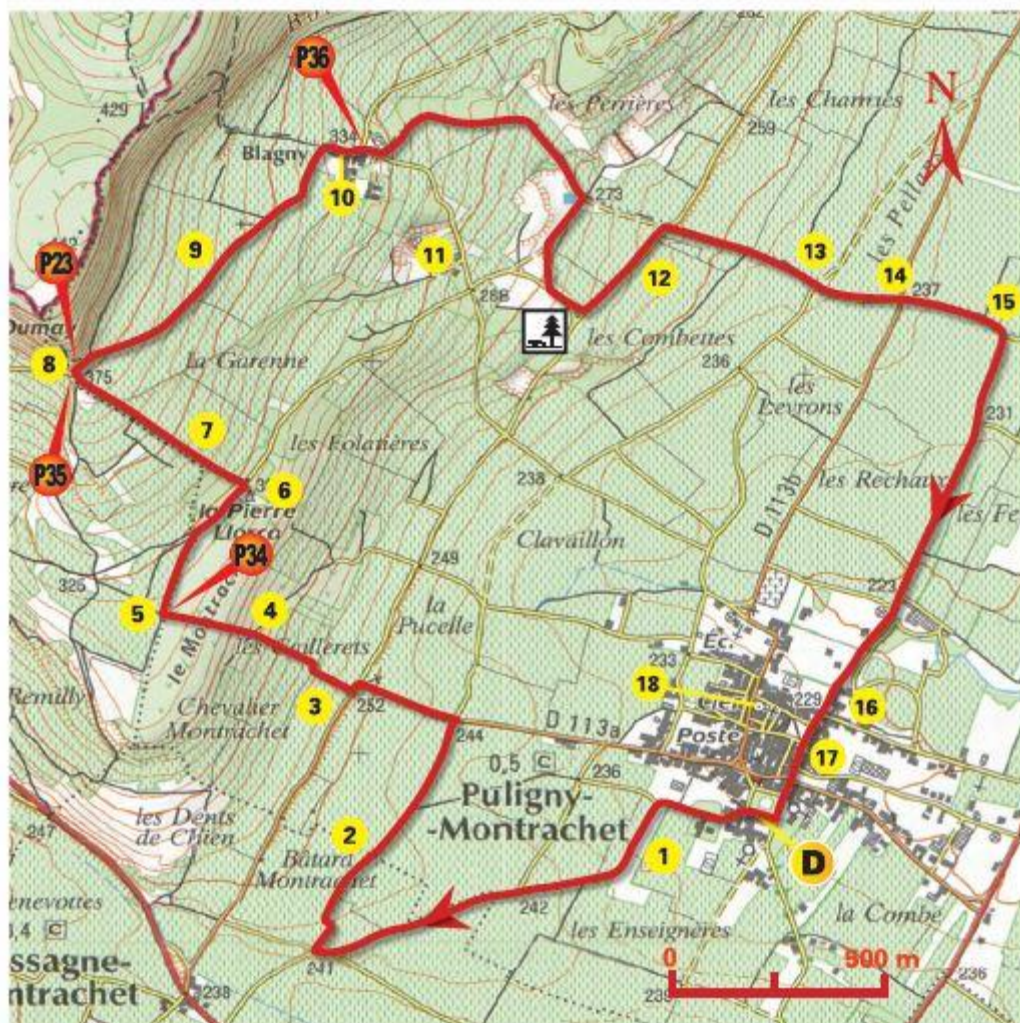
At the next crossroads, turn right 15.

At the next fork, go straight ahead, the bridle way (orange markers) heading left.

Enter Puligny-Montrachet on Rue du But (château on the left) 16.

Cross Rue de Bois. Pass the war memorial on the right 17 and continue straight ahead towards Place des Marronniers 18.

## MAP :



## Don't miss

- 1 - To left and right, Puligny-Montrachet appellation vineyards (white).
- 2 - On the left, Puligny-Montrachet Grand Cru "Bâtard Montrachet" appellation vineyards, then "Bienvenue Bâtard Montrachet". On the right, Puligny-Montrachet appellation communale (white).
- 3 - Behind the wall, on the left, Puligny-Montrachet Grand Cru "Montrachet" then "Chevalier Montrachet" appellation vineyards. On the right, Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru "Les Pucelles" and "Le Cailleret" appellation vineyards.
- 4 - Turning around, Montrachet viewpoint over the village, the vineyards of Meursault on the left and those of Chassagne-Montrachet to the right. The Alps and Mont Blanc are sometimes visible in the distance.
- 5 - The trail climbs towards Roche Dumay. You are on Montrachet (Mont Rachat: "Bald Mountain" in old French). On the left, Saint-Aubin Premier Cru appellation vineyards.
- 6 - Standing stone: the Pierre Liorca.
- 7 - On the right, Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru "Champs Gain" and "La Garenne" appellation vineyards. To the left, Saint-Aubin Premier Cru "Les Meurgers des dents de chien" appellation.



View on the of Roche Dumay - ©P. Gateau

- 8 - You are at the foot of Roche Dumay (376 m). Notice the shape of the rocks jutting out from the soil (they look like a dog's teeth, hence the name of the parcels of land for growing the vines mentioned above).
- 9 - On the left, Puligny-Montrachet appellation communale vineyards then, lower down, Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru "Sous le Puits" appellation. To the right, Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru "La Garenne" appellation.

- 10 - Blagny: owes its name to a Roman villa Belemus, razed by the Saracens in 732. The monks of the Cistercian Abbey of Maizières set up in the 12th century an outbuilding with cellars and a winery (barn). The chapel was built in the 15th century.
- 11 - On the right, old underground quarries from which dolomite was extracted for glass works until 1873 (see circuit no 16). On the left, Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru "Les Chalumeaux" appellation vineyards.
- 12 - On the right, Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru "Champs Canet" and then "Les Combettes" appellation vineyards.
- 13 - You are on the monks' road separating Puligny-Montrachet from Meursault, once used by the monks of Maizières Abbey (the abbey, now gone, was located south of Saint-Loup de la Salle), travelling to their barn in Blagny.

14 - You cross the Sentier de Couches or old Roman road from Autun to Dijon, and currently separating the Premier Cru appellations from the appellations communales.

15 - This route is the boundary between the appellations communales and appellations régionales.

16 - Château built around 1750. The mother of Napoleon the First stayed there on 23 July 1815.

17 - Monument Square renovated in 1990.

18 - Worth a visit:

- The church whose main nave dates from the 13th century. Inside, the stately chapel dates from the late 15th century. Magnificent 15th-century lecterns.

- The statues on the roundabout were erected in memory of the St Vincent Festival of 1991 and represent the main work of the vine.

- "Viti-view" viewpoint.



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DO NOT LEAVE LITTER.

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