



# ROOTSTOCK

THE MAGIC OF MUSIC AND WINE

## ROOTSTOCK 2019 Reveals Discovery Artists

### YUKSEK (DJ Set) + R.O. x KONOBA + FORM + MORA MORA + BIGGER ...

**BURGUNDY, FRANCE** (April 2019) – **ROOTSTOCK**, the Magic of Music and Wine returns this summer for the French holiday Bastille weekend Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14 at Château de Pommard. This year's Rootstock Discovery Artists are announced today and draw from the worlds of electronic music, funk, jazz, and offer a refreshing sense of originality. ROOTSTOCK's mission is to help young artists launch their careers by providing performance venues, recording facilities and mentoring with successful veterans. The full ROOTSTOCK 2019 Line-Up features Grammy-nominated Fatoumata Diawara and IBEYI, the French, Cuban, Venezuelan and Tunisian musical duo of twin sisters Lisa-Kaindé Diaz and Naomi Diaz.

#### ROOTSTOCK 2019 Discovery Artists

**Yuksek** - French DJ who goes by the name "Yuksek," grew up playing piano at the Conservatory of Music, which he left behind at the age of 17 to venture into the realm of electro music. The sound on his latest 2017 album "Nous Horizon" is characterized as midway between post-disco, house, and pop. Yuksek also shows his talent as a singer on the album and his new melodies are sunnier than before; his beats and production more subtle; airy, but still conveying a touch of hedonism in its most club-friendly sounds.

**R.O. x KONOBA** - This music duo, comprised of Belgium producer R.O. and English producer/singer Konoba, joined forces in 2015. Their first collaborative work, "On Our Knees" was well received, gathering over 20 million views online. The two artists are particularly complementary, and many have described the partnership as a classic example of "the whole being greater than the sum of its parts." R.O.'s impressive electronic production skills provide powerful and rich beats and synths while Konoba's haunting vocal melodies and harmonies add a thick layer of emotion and catchiness.

**FORM** - FORM is an electronic project leaving a beautiful place for acoustic instruments, with influences swinging from jazz to hip hop. The group will release their first EP in mid-November under the title "UNDERWATER."

**MORA MORA** - MORA MORA, Malagasy expression meaning "gently, quietly" is the personal story of healing and to tell it, Joanne surrounded herself with three other musicians. From there was born The Healer (2019), a first EP of 5 very different titles but resting on the same story: that of the healing of the body and the spirit.

**Bigger** - Their influences are not enough to stifle their singularity, carving a dark rock that only oddly bright refrains come to light. A murky and cinematic world, where you stroll along the Mersey River, throwing yourself straight into the Irish Sea, home of singer Kevin Twomey. Performing live, Bigger becomes deeper: deeper, denser! Owned by the words, Kevin's disarticulated body comes alive, imposing his intriguing, hypnotic presence. The group cultivates its stage art between pop and rock darkness, and delivers a set of real intensity, favoring melodies and vocal harmonies.

ROOTSTOCK isn't just about the music. You can taste the local Burgundy wines and cuisine, grab a homemade cocktail at one of the bars, and play petanque, croquet, or badminton in the Château gardens. Free yoga classes are available each day before the music start times. The ROOTSTOCK Afterparty is available for VIP and Platinum guests who want to party late into the evening. We recommend guests stay in Beaune for the easiest access to the complimentary shuttles running to the Festival grounds each day.

With only 1,500 Rootstock Passes available, including 25 Platinum and 50 VIP Passes, the two days of music among the vines is the exclusive summer vacation of a lifetime. Just two hours from Paris and Geneva, and 90 minutes from Lyon, one of France's most popular food destinations, Château de Pommard is the ideal place to enjoy summer fun.

**Book your tickets:** [rootstockmusic.com/tickets](https://www.rootstockmusic.com/tickets)

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## **About Rootstock Music**

ROOTSTOCK celebrates the magic of music and wine in the heart of Burgundy. Located on the iconic grounds of Château de Pommard, the main festival and series of annual concerts attract musical talent from around the world to rock, swing, and groove among the vines. Recent lineups welcomed Keziah Jones, Jungle, Breakbot, Electro Deluxe, Isaac Delusion, Soul Jazz Orchestra, Nina Attal, and many more. ROOTSTOCK's mission supports young artists by providing performance venues, recording facilities, and mentoring with successful veterans to help launch their careers.

## **About Château de Pommard**

Every year, consumers and professionals from more than 80 countries around the world visit Château de Pommard to learn about the world of wine from Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET) professionals and taste the purest expressions of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from villages along the Route des Grands Crus. From the grape to the glass, guests experience Clos Marey-Monge, a geological marvel, and home to seven distinct clay and limestone rich plots, now protected as one of the world heritage Climats of Burgundy by UNESCO. Founded in 1726, Château de Pommard combines three hundred years of savoir-faire and the innovative vision of the Famille Carabello-Baum for the future. Wine lovers and critics agree the conversion to biodynamic viticulture is producing honest, energetic wines infused with an unmistakable sense of place while preserving the planet where we all live.

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