

DOMAINE DE NANCELLE

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Macon Villages AOC



Chardonnay

REGION: Burgundy, France
VINTAGE: 2018
STYLE: White
GRAPE: Chardonnay
METHODS: ORGANIC
ENJOY WITH: Light Fish & Shellfish, Spicy Food, Fresh Greens, Hard Cheeses

THE VINEYARD, WINE MAKER AND HISTORY:

Burgundy is famous around the world for its Pinot Noir, but a small part to the south of this region specialises in Chardonnay. The Mâconais is resplendent with rolling limestone hills and, in contrast to the more famous Pinot Noir appellations, it enjoys a long sunny days during summer with the sounds of cicadas breaking through the mid-day quiet.

Here on the outskirts of the Mâcon Villages lies the estate of Château de Nancelle. Established in 1985 and grown on the site of a historic castle, Nathalie and Patrick Corsin have been producing some of the best Mâcon whites over the past few years. Like all of our best winemakers, their ideology is minimal interference in the winemaking process letting the beautiful and dramatic terrains of this part of Burgundy come shining through their wines.

The beauty of buying wine from the Mâcon is that it remains a relatively little known white wine region. This means that the wines here do not command an artificially high price and winemakers cannot trade on the reputation of the region as a whole. This Mâcon Villages Chardonnay won the gold medal at the Great Wines of the Mâcon in 2011!

TASTING NOTES:

This is a very refreshing style off Maçon produced with 100% Chardonnay. It is unoaked which helps the excellent quality of the grapes that are grown on the Domaine show through. The wine has apple and pear aromas on the nose which follow through onto the medium bodied palate.

PRESS REVIEWS:

"A Chardonnay with all the lively acidity of Burgundy, the very antithesis of the over-oaked, over-ripe stuff from the New World that got the grape a bad name. Elegant, crisp, fresh with a hint of honey but very dry. A proper white wine for food."

Tom Doorley, Irish Daily Mail.

"Ripe red apples with a depth of flavour and white pepper finish. Match with a creamy mushroom risotto."
Liam Campbell, The Irish Independent.