

DOMAINE CHANSON

Founded in 1750, Domaine Chanson is 1 of only 6 producers in the region still remaining from the 18th century and earlier.



Chablis 2018

Chablis, Burgundy, France

ESTATE

Chanson has extensive holdings of over 111 acres of exclusively Premier and Grand Cru vineyards in the heart of Burgundy. Both the estate holdings and contracted grower vineyards are 100% hand harvested by the Chanson team to tightly control picking time and grape selection. Chanson is obsessed with maintaining a consistent quality level across the entire range. The regional and village wines are produced with the same precision and care as the Premier and Grand Crus.

WINE

Chablis is known for producing steely, crisp wines with intense green-apple acidity and a firm, mineral backbone. This wine is ideal with pate, poultry, lobster and goat cheese.

VINEYARD

The village of Chablis is located in the northernmost district of Burgundy. Domaine Chanson makes a plot-based selection on hills ideally located in south of the village of Chablis.

Grape Variety: 100% Chardonnay

Soil: Limestone

WINEMAKING

The wine is for the most part left alone, as the philosophy is one of "infusion rather than construction." The wine is vinified 100% whole cluster to extract a deeper color and enhance the structure and aromatic complexity. Chanson also strives to maximize the preservation of fresh fruit characteristics, which is why grapes are chilled immediately on arrival in a proprietary tunnel that provides a very quick chill with no oxygen exposure. Then, Champagne-style fractional pressing is practiced to gently extract the purest juice. Oak is used conservatively, with no more than 20% for the whites.

VINTAGE

Climate: The growing season veered from too wet to too hot and finally too dry, which made deciding when to pick a real challenge. Yields were quite variable though overall quite good and potential alcohols were also varied at between 13 and 14.5%.

Vineyard Work: The harvest started September 1st with an excellent sanitary level of the grapes. Overall, the wines produced in 2018 express the richness and pleasantness of the vintage while keeping the elegance and the balance that Domaine Chanson is known for.

WINEENTHUSIAST

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