

# DOMAINE CHANSON

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



## Meursault 2018

Meursault, 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

Chanson's Meursault is a village wine with Premier Cru standards. The grapes are from 4 different plots of vineyards from selected growers. 2 of these plots are located on mid-slope for finesse and minerality. The other 2 are situated around the village for more richness and depth.

### VINEYARD

Chanson's Meursault is a village wine with Premier Cru standards, elegance, refinement, minerality and freshness. It's a pure white wine which is well-balanced with fantastic acidity. It should be enjoyed with foie gras, grilled fish, white meat and strong cheeses.

*Grape Variety:* 100% Chardonnay

*Soil:* Clay and limestone

### WINEMAKING

Respecting the vine at every stage of its development allows an expression of each terroir as precise as possible. Whether through ploughing, short pruning, de-budding, plot selection or yields control, every effort is made to extract the best of the vine. This particular care in the vineyard also takes place during the manual harvest where grapes are picked at full ripeness, then sorted. 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. At the cellar, white grapes are softly pressed out to obtain the best juice as possible. Both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are aged in oak barrels in the purest tradition.

### VINTAGE

The growing season veered from too wet to too hot and finally too dry, which made deciding when to pick a real challenge. Harvest began on the 1st of September with the domaine vineyards. Yields were quite variable though overall quite good and potential alcohols were also varied at between 13 and 14.5%. The vinifications were done using 100% whole clusters for all the wines, save for the Nuits villages because it was hailed on, and thankfully, there were no difficulties with stoppages. Overall we can say that 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.

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## WINE ENTHUSIAST

"A hint of butteriness is all that peeks through on the shy nose of this wine. The palate has creamy richness that unites a touch of smoky flint with melted butter and ripe pear notes. A bright, concentrated core lends backbone and structure. The finish is appetizing and lasting." - A.K. 8/2020

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