

DOMAINE CHANSON

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



Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2019

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

Grapes are exclusively sourced from select vineyards in the Côte de Nuits, from Chanson plots and terroirs located in the south of the Côte de Beaune.

VINEYARD

The vineyards have clay-limestone soils. The grapes are from Domaine Chanson vineyards and sourced from selected growers but as with all their grower relationships, Chanson harvests all fruit with their team in order to maximize control over fruit quality and picking times. Production is small and as with all Chanson wines, there is only one bottling run.

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. The reds have a perceptible style as a result: beautiful aromatics with complex spice complementing fruit on the nose and palate. 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. Reds then get a long cold soak and maceration. Then, Champagne-style fractional pressing is practiced to gently extract the purest juice. Oak is used conservatively, with no more than 30% for the reds.

Variety: 100% Pinot Noir

Aging: 11 months

VINTAGE

After a mild winter, spring settled down with important variations of temperatures and abundant rain which engendered millerandage (small berries). Summer was warm, punctuated by several heat waves and a few thunderstorms episodes which brought some water. The harvest started mid September under bright sunshine. The red wines of 2019 are crunchy and complex with a beautiful fruit combination, give off very pure aromas of citrus fruit mixed with pale fleshed fruit.

WINE ENTHUSIAST

90

"This Beaune-based negociant house has made a richly dense wine that is packed with succulent black fruits and freshened with acidity. It is a satisfying wine, ripe and with a balanced structure." - R.V., 4/2021