DOMAINE

CHANSON

En Bourgogne depuis 1750

2017 VINTAGE TASTING

About Chanson

Founded in 1750, Chanson today is one of only six producers in Burgundy still remaining from the 18th century and earlier. Domaine Chanson's extensive holdings, and the extraordinary rigor and precision of its approach in the vineyards and cellars, result in wines of individuality and quality. The winery is led by two of the most respected names in Burgundy: Winemaker Jean-Pierre Confuron (named "2015 winemaker of the Year" by La Revue des Vins de France) and Managing Director Vincent Avenel (formerly of Domaine Faiveley).

Chanson owns 111 acres in Burgundy, 62 of which are in Beaune, including their monopole Clos des Fèves, and important holdings of Clos des Mouches and Corton Vergennes. They farm organically and harvest all grapes and vinify all wines, both for their estate holdings and contracted vineyards. Requiring diligent viticulture and perfect ripeness, they vinify all whites and reds 100% whole cluster at their state-of-the-art facility on the outskirts of Beaune.

Aging takes place in the Bastion they own, one of the 5 massive towers from the 15th century fortifications that encircle the heart of medieval Beaune. Once you have the opportunity to taste through their range, you will see the purity and complexity of their wines, ranging from their regional and village wines to their greatest Grand Cru holdings.

What Sets Chanson Apart:

- 100% of Chanson wines are vinified with **100% Whole Cluster Fermentation** – other estates in Burgundy employing this level of whole cluster commitment include DRC, Domaine Dujac and Domaine Leroy. The result at Chanson is a wine profile of generous fruit, lifted aromatics, richness and supple texture.

- Chanson's winemaker is **Jean-Pierre Confuron** (of Vosne-Romanée's renowned Domaine Confuron-Cotetidot). Jean-Pierre was named one of "10 Masters of Pinot Noir" worldwide by Michel Bettane in 2015 as well as "Winemaker of the Year" by *La Revue du Vin de France* in 2014.

- Chanson insists on using only **moderate oak** in its winemaking, with no more than 30% new oak for reds and 20% for whites, allowing for optimum fruit purity, finesse and respect for the terroir.

2017 Vintage - Precocious, Generous and Velvety:

Weather Conditions

After a classic winter with some snow and a week of frost, the budburst was quite precocious (early April in Côte de Beaune) and was followed by important heat. After Easter, we experienced a cold spell which lasted 15 days and caused everybody to fear another frost episode like 2016 and its dramatic consequences. Fortunately, the vineyards of Burgundy were not affected this year except in some very limited spots in Côte Chalonnaise and in Chablis.

May was rainy (73 mm) and temperatures at the end of the month were close to 33°C. Those conditions led to speed up the growth, putting the team under pressure (flowering started on June 2nd in Côte de Beaune and on June 5th, in Côte de Nuits. In June and July several heat waves hit France with temperatures averaging 37°C. The lack of water slowed down the maturation of the grapes. Fortunately, storms brought water at the right moments and thus the vineyards could resume their normal biological cycle. The harvest started on September 6th, in outstanding conditions with grapes fully ripe and healthy. They finished on September 27th.

The Wines

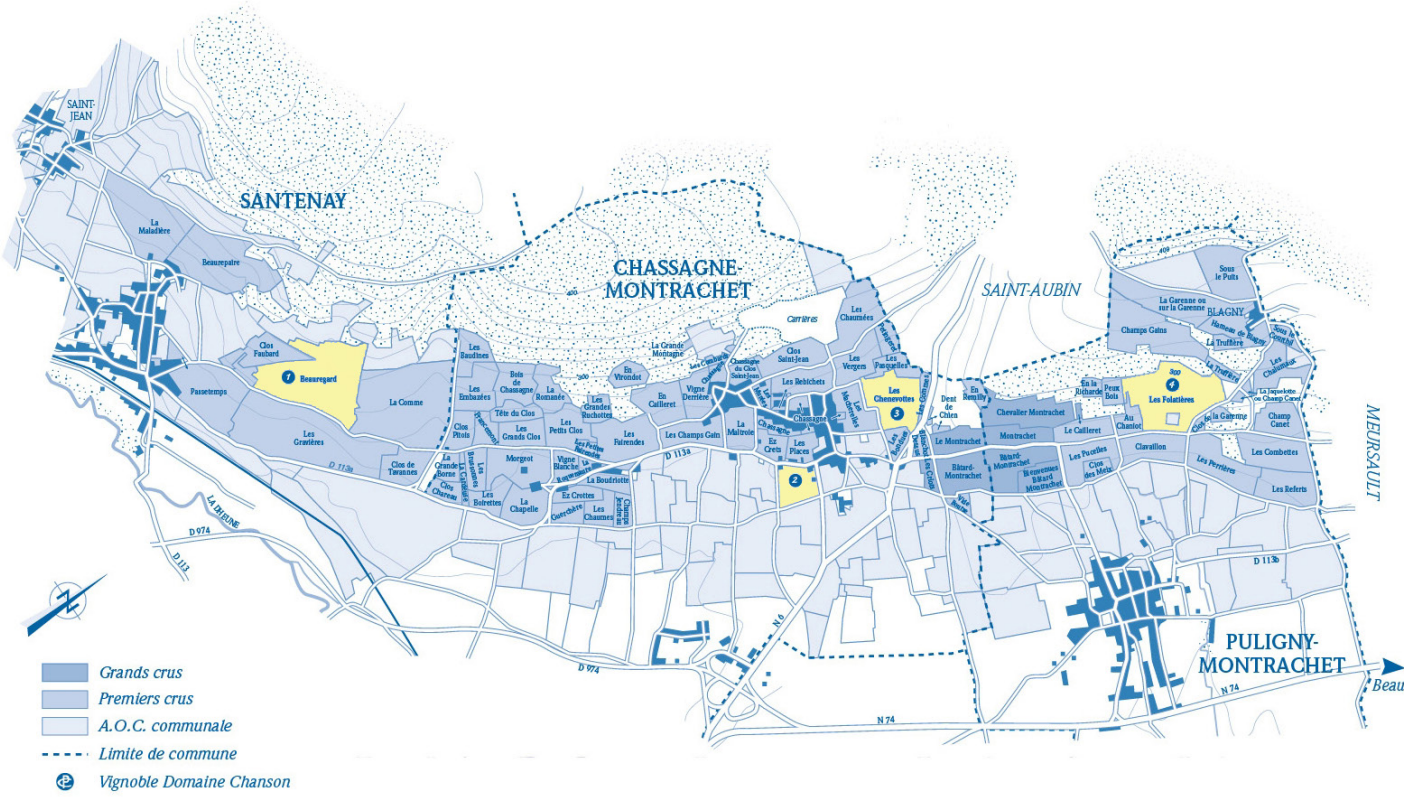
The specificity of this vintage: reds and whites are both excellent.

The white wines are very well-balanced and precise. Our vinification and aging process with a very moderate use of new oak allows a very pure expression of the fruit and terroir. The wines are well-structured, fresh with a persistent finish and displaying a lot of elegance.

The red wines are also superb, with a bright ruby colour. On the nose, they are energetic, displaying an array of aromas, depending on the appellation, from raspberry to black currant to cherry. Floral fragrances are present also (peony, rose and violet). The oak flavours remain quite discreet and elegant giving off delicate spice, cocoa and roasty notes. In the mouth the wines are well-structured, dense with a sappy texture and velvety tannins. Although they are already very pleasant, those 2017 reds have an outstanding aging potential similar to vintages like 2005 or 2010.

Côte de Beaune wines played the game quite well, probably because of the early ripening and the yields that were lower than in Côte de Nuits.

Vincent Avenel and Jean-Pierre Confuron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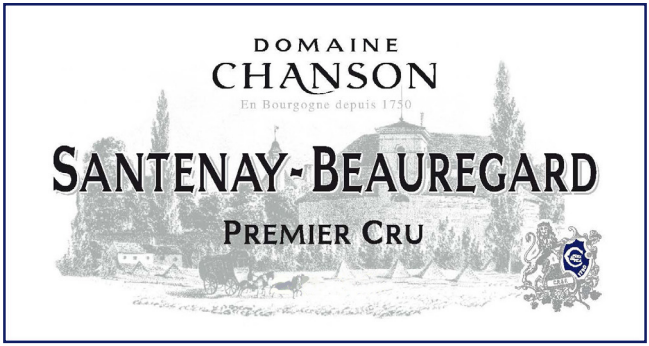
2017 Santeneay-Beauregard 1er Cru



Soil

Clay and limestone with lots of stones.

Site

Chanson owns 3 ha in this *climat*, located in the Premiers Crus area of Santenay, a small village in the South of the Côte de Beaune. The plot is at the top of the hill and is positioned on two levels. The large proportion of stones gives to the wine a very special minerality which emphasizes the typicality of the Pinot Noir.

Press

2014 Vintage - 90 Points Burghound

Notes

2017 Savingy-Dominode 1er Cru

Soil

Marl, chalk and limestone.

Site

From the Latin "Dominus," "Vineyard of the Lord" is an indication that this area was formerly owned by the Lord of Savigny. This vineyard is northeast oriented and mid-slope. The premier cru of Dominode, widely considered the best site in Savigny, is located on the Mont Battois side of the commune, which tends to produce wines that are earthier, *sauvage* and structured.

Press

2016 Vintage - 92 Points Burghound
2015 Vintage - 94 Points James Suckling, 93 Points Wine Spectator

Notes

2017 Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Roi

Soil

Limestone with clay.

Site

The vineyard of "Clos du Roi" is located below "Les Marconnets" on a fold in the hill. This old property of the Dukes of Burgundy was annexed by King Louis XI of France after the death of Charles the Bold. Chanson owns around 7 acres, i.e. 35% of the total *climat*. The plot is low on the slope, and known to produce elegant, stylish wines for relatively early drinking.

Notes

2017 Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru Les Vergelesses

Soil

Clay and limestone.

Site

Chanson, the largest owner in the Pernand-Vergelesses appellation, holds a vineyard of 13.3 acres in the Premier Cru "Les Vergelesses." One of the plots of this vineyard has been selected to produce this Pernand-Vergelesses Premier Cru. The cru is known to produce delicious, well-priced bottles for medium-term consumption.

Press

2016 Vintage - 89-92 Points Burghound
2015 Vintage - 93 Points James Suckling, 92 Points Wine Spectator

Notes

2017 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru La Perrière

Soil

Clay and limestone.

Site

Gevrey-Chambertin is the most famous appellation of the "Côte de Nuits" and the *climat* "La Perrière" is located in the heart of the Premier Cru area. The wines from this site are known for delicate floral aromas, concentration on the palate and elegant tannins.

Press

2016 Vintage - 91 Points Burghound
2015 Vintage - 93 Points James Suckling, 90 Points Wine Spectator

Notes

2017 Beaune 1er Cru
Clos des Fèves (Monopole)

Soil
Clay and limestone.

Site
A Chanson "monopole" in the very heart of the top vineyards of Beaune. The vineyard covers 9.4 acres, and is located mid-slope. The Clos des "Fèves" was already known in the 14th century under the Latin word "Fae." Often named as the best vineyard site in all of the Beaune appellation, the Clos des Fèves produces wines of deep black cherry and floral aromas, silky texture, and pure fruit that can age gracefully for decades.

Press
2016 Vintage - 91-93 Points Burghound
2015 Vintage - 95 Points Wine Spectator, 94 Points James Suckling

Notes

2017 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

Soil

Clay and limestone.

Site

This *climat* "Charmes" is located on a mid-slope facing east in the southern part of the village of Gevrey Chambertin. One of its closest neighbors is the famous of "Chambertin."

Press

2016 Vintage - 93 Points Burghound

Notes

2017 Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru Hautes Marconnets

Soil

Chalk, marl and limestone.

Site

White wines are very unusual in Savigny-les-Beaune, whose vineyards produce mostly red wines. But the particular nature of the soil of "Hauts Marconnets" with marl, chalk and limestone encouraged Chanson to plant Chardonnay. The vineyard of 5.4 acres is ideally situated high up on the hill of Savigny-les-Beaune, facing southeast, close to the hills of the Beaune 1er Crus. The wine expresses floral, citrus fruit and fresh honey aromas with a taut, well-balanced profile.

Press

2016 Vintage - 90 Points Wine Spectator
2015 Vintage - 91 Points James Suckling

Notes

2017 Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses

Soil
Limestone.

Site
Les Preuses is the Grand Cru of Chablis at the northern end of the Grand Cru area. It is one of the smallest Grand Cru *climat* and covers 11.4 ha. The vines selected by Chanson are ideally located in the heart of the plot. This brings the specific minerality of this terroir.

Press
2016 Vintage - 90 Points Burghound
2015 Vintage - 93 Points Burghound

Notes

2017 Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru Les Caradeaux

Soil

Marly limestone with clay silt.

Site

This vineyard of 4.7 acres is ideally located mid-slope, close to the hill of Corton-Charlemagne, with the same soil structure and height as its famous neighbor. The only difference is the eastern exposure of the "Caradeux," which provides this plot an exceptional *terroir* with unique mineral characteristics.

Press

2014 Vintage - 91 Points Wine Spectator

Notes

2017 Beaune 1er Cru
Clos de Mouches Blanc

Soil
Stony soil of limestone, clay and silica.

Site
Chanson is one of the major owners of Clos des Mouches, with a vineyard of 11.2 acres, -- it's a sunny site which benefits from an ideal location on the southern end of the hill of Beaune vineyards, on a spur pointing toward Pommard. A plot of 4.9 acres on the upper side of the hill is planted with Chardonnay on a limestone subsoil covered with sand. The site produces generous wines with intense aromas of citrus peel and pear, opulent texture, and a long, mineral finish.

Press
2015 Vintage - 91 Points Wine Spectator, 90 Points James Suckling

Notes

2017 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Chenevottes

Soil
Clay and limestone.

Site
Domaine Chanson's five acres of Premier Cru vineyard "Les Chenevottes" are located next door to the famous "Le Montrachet." The soil is mostly consists of clay and limestone, with the famous stone of Chassagne. The vineyards consist of small overlapping blocs. With its eastern exposure, on the road to Saint Aubin, this plot benefits from the fresh air which imparts very pure and refreshing aromas.

Press
2014 Vintage - 95 Points Wine & Spirits Magazine

Notes

2017 Corton Vergennes Grand Cru

Soil

Clay and limestone covered with stones.

Site

Chanson and the Hospices de Beaune are the major operators of this very small single vineyard on a hump of the hill of Corton. The vineyard used to belong to the Count of Vergennes, who was counsellor to Louis XVI and signatory for the Treaty of Independence with the United States of America. The clay and limestone soils, covered with stones, produce a wine that is profound, with a endlessly fascinating play of richness and minerality.

Press

2015 Vintage - 94 Points Wine Spectator

Notes

Additional 2017 Vintage Crus on Offer

BEAUNE WHITE PREMIER CRU

Meursault 1er Cru Charmes
Meursault 1er Cru Perrières
Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatieres

BEAUNE WHITE GRAND CRU

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru
Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

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Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos

BEAUNE RED PREMIER CRU

Beaune 1er Cru Bressandes
Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Marconnets
Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches
Beaune 1er Cru Greves
Beaune 1er Cru Teurons
Beaune 1er Cru Champimonts
Maranges 1er Cru La Fussiere

NUITS PREMIER CRU

Nuits Saint Georges 1er Cru Les Vaucrains
Pommard 1er Cru Les Charmots
Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Les Petits Monts
Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Les Suchots

NUITS RED GRAND CRU

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