

DOMAINE CHANSON

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



Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Fèves 2021

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.

VINEYARD

Soil: Limestone with clay

A Chanson "monopole" in the very heart of the first Growths vineyards of Beaune. The vineyard covering 3.80 ha is located on a mid slope. The "Clos des Fèves" was already known in the 14th century under the latin word "Fae"

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Pinot Noir

Chanson's approach to Villages, Premier and Grands Crus reds is characterized by minimal intervention, emphasizing the infusion of natural elements. Grapes are vinified entirely as whole clusters to achieve a deeper color and heightened structural and aromatic complexity. The fruit is hand-selected for optimal ripeness and quality, and, to preserve its fresh fruit characteristics, promptly chilled upon arrival in a proprietary tunnel that provides rapid cooling without exposure to oxygen. The process is completed with Champagne-style fractional pressing to extract only the purest juice, followed by extended aging for 17 to 19 months in barrel, with 30% new oak used in the process.

VINTAGE

The winter was characterized by marked variations in temperature, while the spring had summer-like weather. A sudden and intense frost fell upon Burgundy early April and severely hit the buds that had formed on the vine. The months that followed were a succession of rainy and warm episodes. During summer there were warm and humid periods and the harvest started at Chanson on September 15, under a bright sunshine.

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"Here's a prototypical example of Beaune 1er Cru that combines generosity and subtlety. Lovely red berry and delicate spice aromas are wrapped around the ample, but very well proportioned tannins, that should give this a long future. Hard to believe that this comes from such a difficult vintage. Long, spicy and savory finish that makes an impressive statement. -S.P. 7/23