

Domaine des Terres de Chatenay Macon-Peronne

Macon is a generic appellation for red, white and rose wines from the Maconnais region of southern Burgundy. However, a number of communes within its catchment area have been recognized as sources of higher-quality wine and may append their names to that of the appellation on their labels. Macon-Peronne wines are those produced under the Macon appellation within the communes of Peronne, Saint-Maurice-de-Satonnay and Clesse. (The last of these also produces wines under the Vire-Clesse title).

After 18 years as technical director at the Cave de Viré, Jean-Claude Janin quit to build a tiny, immaculate winery, where he and his wife Marie-Odile produce brilliant, mineral Chardonnays from grapes they grow on the seven-hectare estate she inherited from her father. Most of the wine is sold “en vrac” to négociants, but a tiny quantity from the oldest vines is estate-bottled and sold directly, mostly to private customers like you!

The vineyard is located on some of the best slopes of this northern part of the Mâcon appellation with some of the oldest vines. Producers like the Janins are part of the tiny minority (less than 2%) of grower-producers in Macon that hand harvest and barrel ferment. Wines of this quality, made from vines of this age and from such a wonderful terroir, are incredibly hard to find.

This Mâcon-Péronne comes from a steep red-limestone vineyard covered in Jurassic marine fossils. 80% of the wine was vinified at low temperature in stainless steel tanks, and 20% was fermented and matured in neutral barrels.

On the nose there is acacia, hawthorn, white peaches and apple blossom. On the palate, the concentrated limestone-grown Chardonnay flavours are seasoned with mouth-watering minerality, and the finish goes on forever – with fresh, electrifying acidity, that will preserve the wine and allow it to ripen in a cool cellar for several more years.

Producer: Domaine des Terres de Chatenay

Winemaker: Jean-Claude Janin

Country of Origin: France

Region of Origin: Macon, Burgundy

Grapes: Chardonnay

ABV: 13.5%

Closure Type: cork

