

Domaine des Terres de Chatenay AOC Viré-Clessé "Fontenay"

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.

The vines have an average age of 80 years and come from the steep slopes of a limestone plot, which is covered with the fossilised remains of shellfish from the Jurassic period. Jean-Claude vinified 90% of the wine in stainless steel cuves and the remaining 10% in old oak barrels.

The nose is floral with hints of acacia and apple, and a hint of oak. On the palate it is very concentrated, with a silky mouthfeel. It is rich yet elegant with flavours of ripe yellow fruit (pineapple and peach) and great mineral acidity at the finish with hazelnuts and menthol. The aftertaste goes on and on. An amazing wine that continues to evolve and open out in the glass after two hours!

Producer: Domaine des Terres de Chatenay

Winemaker: Jean-Claude Janin

Country of Origin: France

Region of Origin: Viré – Clesse, Macon, Burgundy

Grapes: Chardonnay

ABV: 13.0%

Closure Type: cork

