

DOMAINE DANIEL ET JULIEN BARRAUD Saint-Véran 'En Crèches'

Domaine Daniel et Julien Barraud is not only the source of Vergisson's finest organic wines but also is the standard for world-class white Burgundy from the Mâconnais. The petit hamlet of Vergisson, with its limestone soils and high-altitude vineyards, is where the region's finest wines are made. Here, families like the Barrauds have for generations preserved their craft in its most honest form, making wine by hand from well-tended organic vineyards and aging their wines in small, old-fashioned cellars. Theirs are wines that without fail can stand tall next to comparable bottles from the Côte d'Or, yet still offer exceptional value.

WINERY: Domaine Daniel et Julien Barraud

WINEMAKER: Daniel Barraud

ESTABLISHED: 1905

REGION: FRANCE • Burgundy • Mâconnais • Vergisson

APPELLATION: Saint-Véran AOC BLEND: 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARDS: 'Crèches' is located in the village of Davayé, at 960 feet in altitude, facing southeast. The plot is sheltered and warm, with white limestone soils. It sits just downslope from Pouilly-Fuissé 'La Roche.'

AGE OF VINES: 20-30 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Pressed full cluster; juice placed in temperature-controlled tanks overnight to settle; transferred via gravity to ferment in French oak barrels on indigenous yeasts. Aged in a mix of barrel and cask (10% new oak) for 12 months. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of citrus, white flowers, crushed stones, peppery spice. Lean and lively, very mineral.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: As an aperitif; with mixed salads; roasted chicken with herbs: fresh French cheeses

