

DOMAINE BOUARD-BONNEFOY Chassagne Montrachet Blanc

Domaine Bouard-Bonnefoy sets the standard for naturally made, profoundly flavorful white Burgundy. Consider the family's hand-cranked wooden press, the mini-family cellar and the bottling "line," where each bottle is corked and labeled by hand—when someone says they are searching for an authentic wine far removed from today's hypertechnology and trends, they're looking for Bouard-Bonnefoy wines. What Chassagne's many beautiful vineyards offer, the Bouard-Bonnefoys capture faithfully—these are wines that astound with their pure aromas, their deep flavors and their ability to seduce from the very first sip.

WINERY: Domaine Bouard-Bonnefoy

WINEMAKER: Fabrice Bouard

ESTABLISHED: 1920s

REGION: FRANCE • Burgundy • Côte de Beaune • Chassagne-Montrachet

APPELLATION: Chassagne-Montrachet AOC

BLEND: 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARDS: Fruit comes from four separate villages-level plots in Chassagne. 'Les Chênes,' which borders premier cru vineyard 'La Matroie;' 'La Bergerie' in the village proper; 'Sur Matronge' and 'La Têtière,' planted in 2011 by the family, were both once vegetable gardens. Soils mix limestone subsoils with clay and gravel.

AGE OF VINES: 5-20 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Grapes are pressed in an upright wooden press, cranked by hand. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in French oak barrels. Aged for one year in barrel (20% new; the rest 2-3 wine barrels).

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of green apple, stone fruits, crisp pear. Tangy and textured; expressive mineral notes. Bright finish.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Roasted chicken with herbs; fresh shellfish with lemon

