

DOMAINE ETIENNE DELARCHE Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc 'Les Belles Filles'

It's easy to miss the petite hamlet of Pernand-Vergelesses, hiding behind bulk of the noble Corton hill. Yet this Côte de Beaune village, with its impeccable vineyards, is a treasure trove of refined Burgundy wines. For more than three generations, the Delarche family has crafted authentic, earthy and expressive Burgundy in Pernand, much under the radar of the Burgundy cognoscenti. Yet Delarche Burgundy offers a clarity and purity of flavor that is captivating; whites are creamy and concentrated, taking a cue from Corton-Charlemagne, while reds are spicy and refined, seductive from the moment they're bottled yet able to age effortlessly for years.

WINERY: Domaine Etienne Delarche

WINEMAKER: Etienne Delarche

ESTABLISHED: 1940s

REGION: FRANCE • Burgundy • Côte de Beaune • Pernand-Vergelesses

APPELLATION: Pernand-Vergelesses AOC

BLEND: 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARDS: 'Les Belles Filles' sits adjacent to premier cru 'Caradeaux' yet further north, deeper within the "combe" or valley of Pernand. Vines face north/northeast at altitude, making it a much cooler site. Soils combine clay, limestone and sand.

AGE OF VINES: 10 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Pressed full cluster; fermented on indigneous yeasts in older French oak barrels. Aged in barrel. Bottled unfined and unfiltered. .

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of orange and lemon zest, crushed stones, light peppery spice. Fresh, vibrant; red apples, lemons, crisp white pears

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Salads; shellfish such as oysters or clams; tangy, fresh French cheese



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