

DOMAINE ETIENNE DELARCHE Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc 1er Cru 'Creux de la Net'

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: 'Creux' sits up high on the slope, above 'lle de Vergelesses' and faces east, at the border with Savigny. Soils are "terres blanches," primarily limestone marl.

AGE OF VINES: 10+ years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Destemmed and pressed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in French oak barrels (10% new). Aged in barrel for one year. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of citrus zest, fresh herbs, crushed stones, lemon curd. Juicy and fresh; silky texture

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Firm white fish with beurre blanc; soft-rind French cheese; grilled chicken with herbs



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