

TERRES SECRÈTESViré-Clessé 'Chatenay'

Terres Secrètes is one of France's more celebrated cooperative wineries, founded in the 1950s and supported by dozens of talented growers in the greater Mâconnais. We first came across this exceptional group when sampling a bottle of Crémant de Bourgogne that we could have sworn was a fine Blanc de Noirs from the Montagne de Reims—the quality coming from this Prissé-based winery is exceptional, in both sparkling and still wines. Sourcing older-vine fruit from the Mâconnais' top terroirs, including Vergisson, Saint-Véran and Viré-Clessé, Terres Secrètes selections are indeed southern Burgundy's best-kept secret.

WINERY: Terres Secrètes **ESTABLISHED:** 1951

REGION: FRANCE • Burgundy • Mâconnais • Sologny

APPELLATION: Viré-Clessé AOC **BLEND:** 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARDS: Sourced from the single vineyard 'Chatenay' located in the village of Clessé on a slope, between 600 and 900 feet in altitude and facing

southeast. Soils are a mix of clay and limestone.

AGE OF VINES: 20 to 40 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Aged in tank for 12 months; some lees stirring.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of spring white flowers, lemon oil, white peach, some herbs. Medium-bodied, savory and refined.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Rich seafood (salmon or shellfish), roast chicken

or other game birds; white meat

