

DOMAINE MICHEL SARRAZIN ET FILS Rully Blanc 'Sans Nom'

The finest wines from the Côte Chalonnaise are known for their effortless beauty, with delicate aromas, fruit-driven flavors and silky textures. Burgundy from Domaine Michel Sarrazin et Fils both exemplifies this elegant style and sets an even higher standard for the region—each cru is unquestionably the finest in its class, yet still offers exceptional value. Visiting the family's ancient estate in Jamblès, a hamlet of some 50 residents, is a bit like going back in time. The family's winemaking roots run deep here, as there's been a Sarrazin growing grapes and making wine in this peaceful valley as far back as the seventeenth century.

WINERY: Domaine Michel Sarrazin et Fils

WINEMAKERS: Guy and Jean-Yves Sarrazin (brothers)

ESTABLISHED: 1964

REGION: FRANCE • Burgundy • Côte Chalonnaise • Jamblès

APPELLATION: Rully AOC

BLEND: 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARDS: A blend of fruit from estate vines in two vineyards: 'Varot' (facing south, at 1,050 feet above sea level) and 'Chaponniere' (facing east, at 675 feet above sea level). Soils mix limestone with clay.

AGE OF VINES: 20 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Aged in 500L oak barrels, with 30% new wood. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of fresh nuts, candied citrus, yellow fruits, crushed stones. Medium-bodied, juicy; lemon curd and white fruit.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: French charcuterie; fresh river fish; roasted chicken with herbs

NOTES: 'Sans Nom' in French means "no name." French labeling laws wouldn't allow the wine to be named after either of the two vineyards, so the Sarrazin brothers had to come up with a vanity name. Thankfully, their talent in winemaking far outstrips their collective creativity.

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