

DOMAINE MAXIME COTTENCEAU Montagny 1er Cru 'Vigne du Soleil'

The next generation of talent in the Côte Chalonnaise has arrived—and the name that's causing a serious stir is Maxime Cottenceau. A native of the village of Buxy, south of Givry, Maxime comes from a long line of growers, yet is the first to bottle wines under the family name. And what a start for a young winemaker, training under one of France's greatest winemakers and Rully native, Vincent Dureuil-Janthial! Maxime tends just a few acres of vines naturally, following the lunar calendar—wines here are textured, supple, complex and expressive. These exemplary yet very limited wines are a delicious sign of the extraordinary potential of both the appellation of Montagny, and the Côte Chalonnaise overall.

WINERY: Domaine Maxime Cottenceau **WINEMAKER:** Maxime Cottenceau

ESTABLISHED: 2018

REGION: FRANCE • Burgundy • Côte Chalonnaise • Buxy

APPELLATION: Montagny AOC **BLEND:** 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARDS: Estate vines in 'Vigne du Soleil' face south/southeast, at the base of the slope of premier cru 'Montcuchot.' Soils here are deep and dark, rich in clay and small white stones (limestone). A subterranean source of water helps prevent hydric stress in vines. The sunniest vineyard in Montagny, says winemaker Maxime Cottenceau.

AGE OF VINES: 35 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Pressed then fermented on indigenous yeasts in French oak barrels (30% new); aged in same barrels for 14 months, then six months in tank.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of crushed stones, lemon curd, creamery butter, citrus zest. Medium-bodied, plush and long, with a spicy finish **PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** As an aperitif; river fish; soft-rind French cheese

