

JEAN-CLAUDE BACHELET ET FILS

PROPRIÉTAIRES-RÉCOLTANTS À SAINT-AUBIN - CÔTE-D'OR - FRANCE

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1ER CRU LES MACHERELLES



One of my favorite estates in the Côte de Beaune is Domaine Jean-Claude Bachelet, where brothers Jean-Claude and Benoît have been taking the wines to new heights in recent years. Serious viticulture, carefully chosen harvest dates, long press cycles and extended élevage in wood on the lees, followed by bottling under high-quality natural cork, are the order of the day. Maturing vineyards, more refined cooperage choices and a spacious new winery in the hamlet of Gamay are surely just a few of the small details that together account for the qualitative progress that's been made over the last decade. They harvested late in 2021, daring to retain plenty of lees, and matured the wines for the usual 24 months in barrel, delivering a lovely range that evokes the white Burgundies of yesteryear, made for patient wine lovers with cold cellars. - The Wine Advocate

VARIETAL: Chardonnay

COUNTRY: France

APPELLATION: Burgundy, Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru

SolL: Deep, red-brown limestone soil on chalky silt

AGING: Aged in French oak barrels for 24 months (15% new).

TASTING NOTES: This wine opens with aromas of pear and white flowers along with discreet pretty reduction and a touch of oak spice. The palate is medium-bodied with fine sapid richness undergirded by potent minerality and lively acidity. There's excellent dry extract here and the wine is notably savory on the long chalky finish.

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