

domaine des Gerbeaux

Maconnais
Fuisse

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France

Burgundy
Solutre



BIODYNAMIC ESTATE

Domaine des Gerbeaux is a small estate created in 1896 by Jean-Michel Drouin's grandfather Jacques Charvet, thus the high end cuvee in his honor. Domaine des Gerbeaux was created by his son Xavier, the 5th generation of winemakers within the family. An estate of 17 acres located in the village of Solutre, dependent of the commune of Fuisse and the small village of Pouilly. The average age of the vines is between 35 and 45 years old with parcels as old as 90 years.

Varieties: Chardonnay
Total Acreage: 17
germane
Average Production:
Very Small production,
limited availability

The main part of the estate is in the appellation Pouilly-Fuisse with 12 acres. A small parcel is in Saint Veran and the rest is in Macon Village, with the addition of some common vines. The vineyards have several exposures: South/Southeast, East and Northern, mainly on hillsides with up to 40% inclination. The estate is farmed organically following traditional methods. Harvests are done by hand, in small lots, and are received in temperature controlled rooms. The vinification and aging are done in a temperature controlled environment. Most of the wines are aged in French oak barrels which are renewed at 20% every year with a 7 to 8 years cycle. The top cuvees are aged for up to 18 months.

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

Jean-Michel Drouin, owner and winemaker, controls his yields in the vineyards with a very short cut in "Guyot". Harvests are done at prime maturity with balanced alcohol and acidity producing wines with finesse and freshness.

WINES

Macon Villages 2010

A wine of pleasure that is best enjoyed at any time and greatly enhanced by the presence of friends. Very fruity, refreshing, and elegant. This pure Chardonnay will complement appetizers, salads, light meals, and any of your social events!

Macon Chaintre 2010

This wine of 100% Chardonnay is made from vines of the village of Chaintre, just south of the famous Pouilly Fuisse. The vines mature quickly, from a chalky-clay soil, bringing the wine roundness, fat, with a lot of fruit. A very rich and elegant wine to drink fresh during the next two years over our summer meals.

Pouilly-Fuisse' 2009

A 100% Chardonnay made from the most famous climate of the region, Pouilly Fuisse, from hillside vineyards of red and chalky soils. With an East exposition, protected from all the winds, these vineyards bring to the wine character richness, and a beautiful balance between roundness, minerality and acidity. A wine to be enjoyed within the next 10 years, aged in French oak barrels for 18 months.

ACCOLADES

No Current reviews, David Schildknecht, reviewing the 2007 Macon Villages wrote...

"Unfortunately, they produced as usual only 200 cases of 2007 Macon-Villages from young vines. Pear, lemon, toasted nuts, sage, and juniper berry inform the nose. Clear, refreshing and full of pear fruit and lemony brightness, the palate is also persistently marked by chalk and a faint bitterness of pear pip. Enjoy this over the coming year. It is good to see the biodynamically-grown wines of Beatrice and Jean-Michel Drouin in the States because they represent admirable Maconnaise values. (Only their outstanding Pouilly-Fuisse cuvees transcend the price ceiling set for this issue.)"

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