Domaine Jacques Girardin Santenay Blanc « Les Terrasses de Bievaux »



The entire Girardin family are renowned winemakers, including Jacques' father Jean, and his well-known brother, Vincent. Jacques has been producing wine from his own domaine since 1978. Located in Santenay, the 17-hectare Domaine Jacques Girardin produces a range of red and white wines, featuring 1er Cru sites in Santenay, Savigny-lès-Beaune and Chassagne-Montrachet and an exceptional old vines Bourgogne Pinot Noir. The domaine is run by Jacques and his wife, Valerie. Their son, Justin, has recently joined the domaine after working in vineyards in Australia. He brings a modern sensibility to this very traditional Burgundian estate.

Region: Burgundy **Appellation:** Santenay Blanc

Owner: Jacques and Valerie Girardin

Established: 1570 **Farming Practices:** Sustainable

Vineyard: 2 ha

Soil: Clay and Limestone Grape Varieties: 100% Chardonnay

Avg Age of Vines:30 yearsYield/Hectare45 hl/haAvg Production:12,000 bottles

Vinification and Élevage: The grapes are pressed immediately on arrival in the winery. Jacques practices cool fermentations to keep all the aromas. All indigenous yeasts. The wines go into barrels for alcoholic fermentation. The malolactic fermentation takes place in barrels and aging on lees. Matured for 12 months in barrels, 15% new oak.

About The Vineyard: Jacques makes this stunning and rare Santenay Blanc from extremely steep, terraced vineyards, "Les Terrasses de Bieveau," that rise up above the Chassagne side of the village and overlook the Santenay vineyards in a magnificent panorama. Many of these rocky, steep vineyards have been abandoned by their owners, yet the wine is so enticing that Jacques continues the intensive labor to produce the beguiling nectar.

Tasting Notes: Brilliant light, mineral and floral, yet with depth and concentration. I beautiful expression of Chardonnay that exhibits citric, orchard and tropical fruit.

