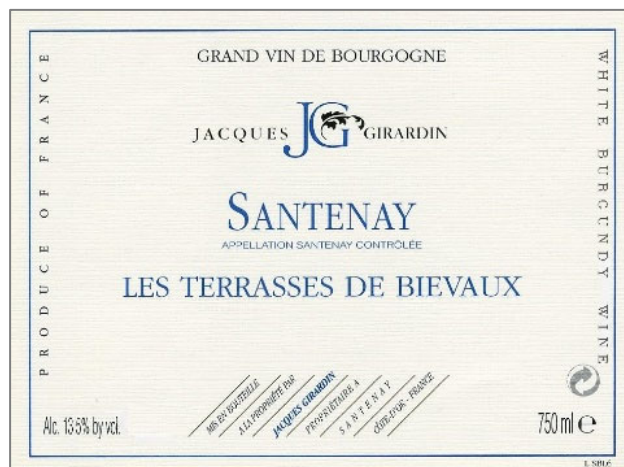


DOMAINE JACQUES GIRARDIN

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' son Justin and his mother, Valerie. Justin 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 years
Yield/Hectare:	45 hl/ha
Avg. Production:	12,000 bottles

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

About the Vineyard: Justin 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 Justin continues the intensive labor to produce this beguiling nectar.

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

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