

ABOUT CHANSON

Founded in 1750, Chanson today is one of only six producers in Burgundy still remaining from the 18th century and earlier. Domaine Chanson's extensive holdings, and the extraordinary rigor and precision of its approach in the vineyards and cellars, result in wines of individuality and quality. The winery is led by two of the most respected names in Burgundy: Winemaker Jean-Pierre Confuron (named "2015 Winemaker of the Year" by *La Revue des Vins de France*) and Managing Director Vincent Avenel (formerly of Domaine Faiveley).

Chanson owns 111 acres in Burgundy, 62 of which are in Beaune, including their monopole Clos des Fèves, and important holdings of des Mouches and Corton Vergennes. They farm organically and harvest all grapes and vinify all wines, both for their estate holdings and contracted vineyards. Requiring diligent viticulture and perfect ripeness, they vinify all whites and reds 100% whole cluster at their state-of-the-art facility on the outskirts of Beaune.

Aging takes place in the Bastion they own, one of the 5 massive towers from the 15th century fortifications that encircle the heart of medieval Beaune. Once you have the opportunity to taste through their range, you will see the purity and complexity of their wines, ranging from their regional and village wines to their greatest Grand Cru holdings.

What sets Chanson apart:

- ❶ 100% of Chanson wines are vinified with **100% Whole Cluster Fermentation** – other estates in Burgundy employing this level of whole cluster commitment include DRC, Domaine Dujac and Domaine Leroy. The result at Chanson is a wine profile of generous fruit, lifted aromatics, richness and supple texture.
- ❷ Chanson's winemaker is **Jean-Pierre Confuron** (of Vosne-Romanée's renowned Domaine Confuron-Cotetidot). Jean-Pierre was named one of "10 Masters of Pinot Noir" worldwide by Michel Bettane in 2015 as well as "Winemaker of the Year" by *La Revue du Vin de France* in 2014.
- ❸ Chanson insists on using only **moderate oak** in its winemaking, with no more than 30% new oak for reds and 20% for whites, allowing for optimum fruit purity, finesse and respect for the terroir.

2015: An Exceptional Vintage at Domaine Chanson

Exceptional weather conditions

After a cold winter and relatively dry spring, bud-break was quite precocious under mild weather with marked differences of temperature between day and night (especially in May). Flowering started in early June—this was the first sign of an early harvest. Very warm weather settled into July with occasional storms. August was warm but again with significant differences in temperature between day and night. However, the lack of water slowed down the maturation of the grapes in August.

The harvest at Domaine Chanson started on September 2, 2015 and ended on September 17, 2015 – a total of 75 ha (185 acres) was harvested by a team of 150 vendangeurs.

Exceptional balance

In terms of maturity, it was feared that the acidity level would be quite low and the pH Level quite high. This was not the case at all, as the low level of acidity was the consequence of dehydration and hence there is an outstanding concentration in the wines.

Innovation supporting very precise vinification methods

The implementation of a “cooling tunnel” (a chamber where grape clusters are quickly chilled) has clearly been an asset for Chanson, as it has enabled us to bring down the temperatures to regulate the pre-fermentation macerations. This stage is essential to obtain the best and gentlest extraction of aromas of the various terroirs as well as to increase the presence of phenolic components.

Exceptional red and white wines

The red wines, after a 10 day maceration, continued their alcoholic fermentation with a regime of punch-downs and pump-overs. The red wines have a dark ruby color with intense aromas of ripe red fruit. They are fleshy and generous with a balanced texture displaying firm tannins. The average yields at Domaine Chanson were around 1.5 tons/acre.

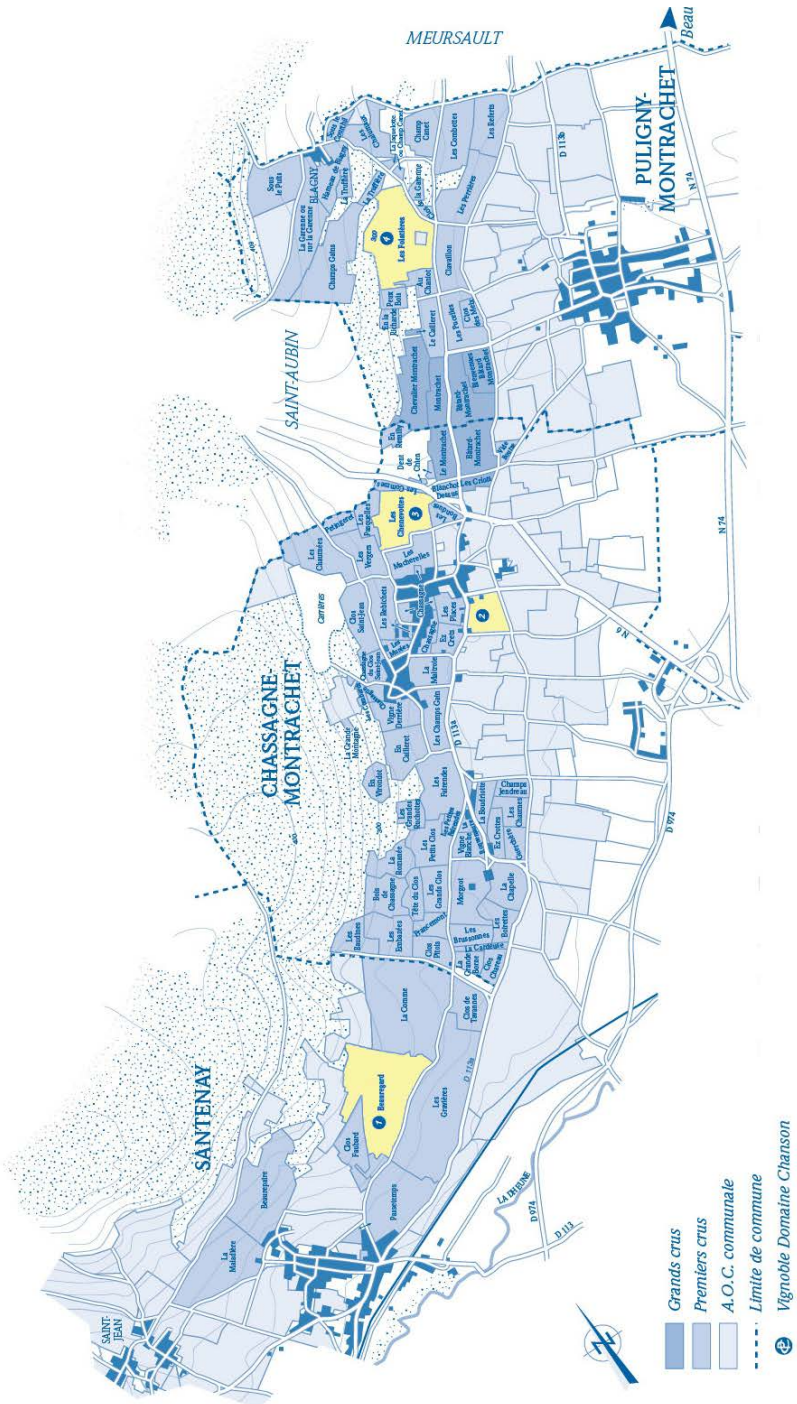
For the whites, the lack of water favored a high level of concentration, though a rain on September 13 was well-timed as the berries gained in juice. A very mild pressing enabled us to obtain beautiful musts. The white wines display ripe fruit on the nose, along with zesty aromas. In the mouth, they are unctuous and mouth-coating with a long finish, due to an outstanding maturity.

This vintage will probably remain quite unique because of a combination of very specific factors: low yields after 3 successive years of hail; very dry weather (one of the driest years since 1880); incredible quality of the grapes at harvest time; and technical innovations that have enabled us to control the quality of our wines more than ever.

Santé,

Jean-Pierre Confuron, Winemaker
Vincent Arnel, Managing Director





2015 SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE 1ER CRU HAUTS MARCONNETS



Soil

Chalk, marl and limestone.

Site

White wines are very unusual in Savigny-les-Beaune, whose vineyards produce mostly red wines. But the particular nature of the soil of “Hauts Marconnets” with marl, chalk and limestone encouraged Chanson to plant Chardonnay. The vineyard of 5.4 acres is ideally situated high up on the hill of Savigny-les-Beaune, facing southeast, close to the hills of the Beaune 1er Crus. The wine expresses floral, citrus fruit and fresh honey aromas with a taut, well-balanced profile.

Press

2014 Vintage - 92 Points Wine & Spirits Magazine

Notes

2015 MEURSAULT 1ER CRU CHARMES



Soil

Clay and limestone.

Site

The Premier Cru "Les Charmes" is located at the south end of the village of Meursault at the border of Puligny Montrachet. It is the largest area of Premier Cru in Meursault. The *climat* for this wine is located mid-slope with an excellent exposure. The result is a wine with floral fragrances, richness in the mouth and a long, elegant finish.

Press

2013 Vintage - 93 Points Wine Spectator, 92 Points Wine Enthusiast

Notes

2015 PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1ER CRU LES FOLATIÈRES



Soil

Clay and limestone.

Site

The *climat* is ideally located near the famous Montrachet and Chevalier Montrachet; the southeast exposure is excellent as well. The high proportion of clay gives the wine a specific minerality which underlines the typicity of the Chardonnay.

Press

2014 Vintage - 92 Points Wine & Spirits Magazine

2013 Vintage - 94 Points Wine Enthusiast

Notes

2015 CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1ER CRU LES CHENEVOTTES



Soil

Clay and limestone.

Site

Domaine Chanson's five acres of Premier Cru vineyard "Les Chenevottes" are located next door to the famous "Le Montrachet." The soil is mostly constituted of clay and limestone, with the famous stone of Chassagne. The vineyards consist of small overlapping blocs. With its eastern exposure, on the road to Saint Aubin, this plot benefits from the fresh air which imparts very pure and refreshing aromas.

Press

2014 Vintage - 95 Points Wine & Spirits Magazine

2013 Vintage - 94 Points Wine Spectator, 92 Points Wine Enthusiast

Notes

2015 CORTON VERGENNES GRAND CRU



Soil

Clay and limestone covered with stones.

Site

Chanson and the Hospices de Beaune are the major operators of this very small single vineyard on a hump of the hill of Corton. The vineyard used to belong to the Count of Vergennes, who was counsellor to Louis XVI and signatory for the Treaty of Independence with the United States of America. The clay and limestone soils, covered with stones, produce a wine that is profound, with an endlessly fascinating play of richness and minerality.

Press

2014 Vintage - 95 Points Wine & Spirits Magazine

2013 Vintage - 95 Points Wine Enthusiast, 93 Points Wine Spectator

Notes

2015 SAVIGNY-DOMINODE 1ER CRU



Soil

Marl, chalk and limestone.

Site

From the Latin “Dominus,” “Vineyard of the Lord” is an indication that this area was formerly owned by the Lord of Savigny. This vineyard is northeast oriented and mid-slope. The premier cru of Dominode, widely considered the best site in Savigny, is located on the Mont Battois side of the commune, which tends to produce wines that are more earthy, *savage* and structured.

Press

2013 Vintage - 90 Points Wine Enthusiast

Notes

2015 PERNAND-VERGELESSES 1ER CRU LES VERGELESSES



Soil

Clay and limestone.

Site

Chanson, the largest owner in the Pernand-Vergelesses appellation, holds a vineyard of 13.3 acres in the Premier Cru “Les Vergelesses.” One of the plots of this vineyard has been selected to produce this Pernand-Vergelesses Premier Cru. The cru is known to produce delicious, well-priced bottles for medium-term consumption.

Press

2013 Vintage - 92 Points Wine Enthusiast

Notes

2015 BEAUNE 1ER CRU CLOS DU ROI



Soil

Limestone with clay.

Site

The vineyard of “Clos du Roi” is located below “Les Marconnets” on a fold in the hill. This old property of the Dukes of Burgundy was annexed by King Louis XI of France after the death of Charles the Bold. Chanson owns around 7 acres, i.e. 35% of the total *climat*. The plot is low on the slope, and known to produce elegant, stylish wines for relatively early drinking.

Press

2012 Vintage - 93 Points Wine Enthusiast

Notes

2015 BEAUNE 1ER CRU
CLOS DES MOUCHES ROUGE



Soil

Marl with sandy yellow limestone.

Site

As noted under Clos des Mouches Blanc, Chanson is one of the major owners of this cru. A plot of 6.1 acres is planted with Pinot Noir on a limestone subsoil covered with clay. A touch of sand in the soil contributes to the graceful, refined character of the reds in this cru.

Press

2012 Vintage - 92 Points Wine Spectator, 91 Points Burghound

Notes

2015 BEAUNE 1ER CRU GRÈVES



Soil

Gravel mixed with clay.

Site

On the Mont Battois hillside, facing Beaune, the name “Grèves” derives from the sandy and gravely soil. Separated from the Clos des Fèves by a narrow path, this Chanson vineyard covers 5 acres. The wines from this cru often present concentration and rich texture in balance with a refinement and tannic structure that allows for long aging.

Press

2013 Vintage - 91 Points Wine Spectator

Notes

2015 BEAUNE 1ER CRU

CLOS DES FÈVES (MONOPOLE)



Soil

Clay and limestone.

Site

A Chanson “monopole” in the very heart of the top vineyards of Beaune. The vineyard covers 9.4 acres, and is located mid-slope. The Clos des “Fèves” was already known in the 14th century under the Latin word “Fae.” Often named as the best vineyard site in all of the Beaune appellation, the Clos des Feves produces wines of deep black cherry and floral aromas, silky texture, and pure fruit that can age gracefully for decades.

Press

2013 Vintage - 94 Points Wine Enthusiast

Notes

2015 GEVREY-CHAMBETIN 1ER CRU LA PERRIÈRE



Soil

Clay and limestone.

Site

Gevrey-Chambertin is the most famous appellation of the "Côte de Nuits" and the *climat* "La Perrière" is located in the heart of the Premier Cru area. The wines from this site are known for delicate floral aromas, concentration on the palate and elegant tannins.

Press

2013 Vintage - 94 Points Wine Enthusiast

Notes

2015 CHAMBERTIN-CLOS DE BÈZE GRAND CRU



Soil

Clay and limestone.

Site

One of the most prestigious crus of Gevrey-Chambertin. Located on the upper part of the hill, in the very heart of the Grand Crus, with an exceptional eastward orientation. The plot as a whole covers 37 acres of stony soil. This cru is always deep, dense and incredibly long-lived.

Press

2014 Vintage - 94 Points Wine Spectator

Notes

Additional 2015 Vintage Crus on Offer

BEAUNE WHITE PREMIER CRU

Meursault 1er Cru Perrières
Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champs Gains
Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Les Sentiers du Clou

BEAUNE WHITE GRAND CRU

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru
Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

CHABLIS

Chablis Grand Cru Bougros
Chablis Grand Cru Valmur
Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses
Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos

BEAUNE RED PREMIER CRU

Beaune Bressandes 1er Cru
Beaune Clos des Marconnets 1er Cru
Beaune Teurons 1er Cru
Beaune 1er Cru Champimonts
Santenay-Beauregard 1er Cru
Monthélie 1er Cru Les Duresses

BEAUNE RED GRAND CRU

Corton Grand Cru

NUITS PREMIER CRU

Nuits Saint Georges 1er Cru Les Vaucrains
Pommard 1er Cru Les Charmots
Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Aux Brûlées
Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Les Petits Monts
Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Les Suchots

NUITS RED GRAND CRU

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru
Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru
Bonnes Mares Grand Cru

