



Vins Rouve-Rijkaert Overview

Owner: Florent Rouve

Country: France

Region: Macon and Jura

Founded: 1998

Annual Production: 10,000cs

Description: Emerging superstar Florent Rouve was partners with famed Burgundian negociant Jean Rijkaert until 2013 when he took the reins alone. Producing in two of France's hottest winemaking regions, the Maconnais and Jura, Rouve's oenological approach emphasizes freshness, integrity, balance and terroir and offers a superb alliance of tradition and a modern, minimalist style.

Wine Notes – 2020 Florent Rouve Arbois Chardonnay

Florent Rouve's Arbois Chardonnay is a fantastic introduction to the varied terroirs of the Jura, drawing from vineyards across the retion. Due to large diurnal temperature variations, the grapes boast highly concentrated aromas and faithfully express the calcareous marl soils of Arbois. The vines entered the summer of 2020 in perfect condition, after a very difficult 2019. The excessively dry and hot summer challenged the vines, but the vintage was salvaged by superb harvest conditions. The result is a balanced, classic wine that beautifully expresses the unique Arbois terroir. It is a clear golden-yellow color, features aromas of fresh pear, flowers and citrus, with a round mouthfeel framed by underlying crispness. The finish boasts purity and freshness and a distinctive saline minerality resulting from Jura's unique soils.

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Vineyard Region: Jura / Arbois - Tassenières, Spois (South of Arbois), Chantemerle

(West of Arbois), Sauvagny (Noth East of Arbois)

Vine Age / Yields: 35 years, mainly Western exposures

Production Volume: 1,600 cases

Vineyard Characteristics: Deep grey marl (limestone and clay)

Wine-Making / Vinification: 100% hand-harvested and whole-cluster pressed to barrel

1 month fermentation using native yeast, 8-9 months aging (all on lees) in 228L used oak barrels, unfined, no stirring / no racking, light

filtering. Barrels topped up (no oxidative aging). 70m/L SO2.

 Alcohol / Volume:
 13.0%

 Acidity:
 4.0 g/L

 pH:
 3.25

 Residual Sugar:
 0.8 g/l