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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 – 2016 Florent Rouve Vire-Clesse

Florent Rouve's Vire-Clesse is a small production bottling from the red clay soils of Vire-Clesse in the Maconnais. Rouve sources his grapes from cooler, east-facing vines that are on average 30 years old. The grapes are hand-harvested and manually destemmed. After a several week fermentation in used oak barrels (with native yeasts), the wine is aged on the fine lees for 11 months in those same barrels. The wine is lightly filtered, but not fined, with minimal sulfur employed, in order to express the unique qualities of the vineyard more completely.

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard Region:	Vire-Clesse
Vine Age / Yields:	30 years on average, Eastern exposure
Production Volume:	250 cases / year
Vineyard Characteristics:	Primarily red clay
Wine-Making / Vinification:	Native yeasts, 100% hand-harvested and whole-cluster Several week fermentation, 11 month lees contact, unfined, no stirring / no racking; 228L used barrels
Alcohol / Volume:	13.4%
Acidity:	6.63
pH:	3.29
Residual Sugar:	1.2 g/l