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Domaine du Mont Épin

Owners: Richard and Stephane Martin

Country: France

Region: Macon

Founded: 1911

Annual Production: 7,500cs

Description: Richard and Stephane Martin, owners of St Veran's renowned Croix Senaillet estate, purchased the historic Mont Épin domaine in 2015. 100% estate-grown fruit from 50-year old vines combine with modern facilities and respect for traditional winemaking to produce original and authentic Maconnais wines that have become critical favorites.

Wine Notes – 2018 Domaine du Mont Épin Macon-Peronne L'Etoile

Lying mid way up Macon's Mont Épin, and adjacent to the winery's Macon-Peronne vineyards, the west-facing, three acre Etoile *lieu dit* (the first in Macon) sits on clay soils with an entirely limestone substrate. The steady, gentle slope of the vineyards allows for excellent drainage, while the west-facing aspect and sheltering effect of the forested summit of the eponymous hill create a microclimate that encourages late and full ripening. The resulting wine is supple and generous with notes of citrus and hazelnuts in the nose. The palate is beautifully textured and fresh with a light acidity and mineral intensity that perfectly embody this very special Maconnais terroir.

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard Region:	Macon-Peronne, L'Etoile <i>lieu dit</i> of ~3 acres
Vine Age / Yields:	40 years
Production Volume:	1,000 cs
Vineyard Characteristics:	Clay and limestone, individual parcel monitoring
Wine-Making / Vinification:	Traditional harvest of destemmed grape bunches Slow and gentle pneumatic pressing to preserve freshness and fruit purity, 3-month temperature-controlled fermentation in stainless steel using native yeast Malolactic fermentation in January, aged 10 months in stainless steel on fine lees, filtered, aged 4 months in bottle
Alcohol / Volume:	14.1%
Acidity:	3.65
pH:	3.4
Residual Sugar:	0.76 g/l