

# DOMAINE CHANSON

Founded in 1750, Domaine Chanson is 1 of only 6 producers in the region still remaining from the 18th century and earlier.



## Beaune Clos des Mouches 1er Cru 2017

Beaune, Burgundy, France

### ESTATE

Chanson has extensive holdings of over 111 acres of exclusively Premier and Grand Cru vineyards in the heart of Burgundy. Both the estate holdings and contracted grower vineyards are 100% hand harvested by the Chanson team to tightly control picking time and grape selection. Chanson is obsessed with maintaining a consistent quality level across the entire range. The regional and village wines are produced with the same precision and care as the Premier and Grand Crus.

### VINEYARD

Chanson is one of the major owners of Clos des Mouches with a vineyard of 4.5 hectares. This is a sunny terroir which benefits from an ideal location on the hill at the southern end of the vineyards of Beaune on a spur pointing towards Pommard. A plot of 2 hectares on the upper side of the hill is planted with Chardonnay on a limestone subsoil covered with sand.

Grape Variety: 100% Pinot Noir

Soil: Clay and limestone

### WINEMAKING

Respecting the vine at every stage of its development allows an expression of each terroir as precise as possible. Whether through ploughing, short pruning, de-budding, plot selection or yields control, every effort is made to extract the best of the vine. This particular care in the vineyard also takes place during the manual harvest where grapes are picked at full ripeness, then sorted. Chanson also strives to maximize the preservation of fresh fruit characteristics, which is why grapes are chilled immediately on arrival in a proprietary tunnel that provides a very quick chill with no oxygen exposure. At the cellar, white grapes are softly pressed out to obtain the best juice as possible. Both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are aged in oak barrels in the purest tradition.

### VINTAGE

**Climate:** Spring started with warm temperatures but cooler weather in April calmed the evolution of the vines. May was rainy but the rest of summer was warm with some strong heat waves. However, a few thunderstorm episodes brought enough rain to allow the maturation of the grapes to continue.

**Vineyard Work:** The harvest started in early September and the grapes had excellent sanitary levels.

## Wine Spectator

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"Stone and iodine aromas and flavors grace the lemon, hazelnut and spice notes of this dense, taut version. Verges on creamy, yet the bracing acidity keeps this firm. Fine length." - BRUCE SANDERSON, 6/2020

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