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Beaune Champs-Pimont Premier Cru 2012

2012 Virtuoso Winemaker Vintage!
2012 weather conditions showed that nature remains the determining factor in winemaking. It is still stronger than anything and this is for the best.
Throughout vine growth cycle, our vineyards suffered from the whims of Mother Nature: winter and spring frosts, significant temperature fluctuations in spring and summer, arduous flowering (coulure and millerandage), several violent storms, hail and heat, as well as strong pressure from mildew and oïdium!
All these phenomena have resulted in historically low yields. Nevertheless, nature often restores things very well, so it enabled remaining grapes to fully ripen and maintain a good health condition in the vineyard.
First tastings show harmonious and savoury wines with refreshing fruitiness together with precise and particular density on the palate.

GRAPE VARIETY

Grape variety: 100% Chardonnay.

TERROIR

A large plot with the evocative name of "Les Champs au pied du Mont" (or, "The Fields at the Foot of the Mountain"), located on the slope overlooking the outskirts of Beaune. This vineyard, facing due east, produces both red and white wine. Chardonnay is planted on the upper part of the slope with chalky soil taht gives its mineral characteristics and unique personality. There is also often a salty flavour on the aftertaste.

VINIFICATION & AGEING

Whole bunches of grapes were handpicked into small crates and pressed in a pneumatic winepress. Alcoholic fermentation and ageing entirely in oak barrels. 100% malolactic fermentation
Duration of barrel ageing: 18 months

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in April 2014
COLOUR: Bright green-gold colour with luminous silver reflections.
NOSE: A lot of precision with notes of flint and slightly toasty and spicy touch.
PALATE: Seducing notes of dried fruit (raisins, toasted hazelnut and almond) intertwined harmoniously with refreshing notes of citrus (candied lemon). Beautiful tangy finish reinforced by energy and crispy sapidity.

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