

# 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 1er Cru Clos Des Fèves 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

Clos de Fèves is a Chanson "monopole" located in the heart of the Premier Cru vineyard of Beaune. The vineyard, covering 9.4 acres, is located on the mid-slope. It makes a complete, rounded wine, with striking depth and minerality.

*Grape Variety:* 100% Pinot Noir

*Soil:* Clay and limestone

### WINEMAKING

The wine is for the most part left alone, as the philosophy is one of "infusion rather than construction." The wine is vinified 100% whole cluster to extract a deeper color and enhance the structure and aromatic complexity. The major condition is that the grapes must be perfect in terms of ripeness and condition. The reds have a perceptible style as a result: beautiful aromatics with complex spice complementing fruit on the nose and palate. 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. Reds then get a long cold soak and maceration. Then, Champagne-style fractional pressing is practiced to gently extract the purest juice. Malolactic fermentation takes place in barrel on the fine lees with no batonnage. Oak is used conservatively, aging for only 17 months in casks.

### 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.

### JEB DUNNUCK

*"Revealing a translucent ruby color as well as a terrific perfume of ripe cherries, sappy herbs, spring flowers, and Asian spices, it starts out supple and sweetly fruited, yet shows more and more acidity, cut, and focus with time in the glass. Beautifully balanced, with both acidity and tannins, it's approachable today." - Jeb Dunnuck, 3/2020*

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