

# Dominique Morel Beaujolais-Villages Blanc

# Secrets of the Cuvée

10 years ago Christine and Dominique started out on the adventure of exploring the possibilities of white in a region that is devoted to red wine.

These wines are the rare pearl of the vineyard.

Our Chardonnay grows on granitic-clay soil and gives us subtle fruit aromas in the citrus and blossom spectrum. The palate presents a balance of freshness, roundness and finesse.

### Dishes

Avocados stuffed with prawns, scallops, fish and chicken vol au vents, fish mousse, frogs' legs, mixed salads, button mushrooms in cream, andouillette with white wine, veal curry, chicken curry.

As an aperitif with appetisers.

# Serving

Serving temperature	10 C
Optimal tasting	Between 6 months and 3 years
Winemaker's suggestion	Between 6 months and 3 years for its fresh, fruity side.
Cellaring temperature	Between 10 and 14 C



### Appellation history

The creation of this appellation was in 1937, but it was in 1950 the INAO (French AOC regulatory body) officialised the AOC. Beaujolais-Villages thus became the first French AOC to use the term "Villages".

Beaujolais-Villages Blanc made up only 0.2% of the appellation in 2012.

# The Vines

Grape variety: Chardonnay

The estate's first Beaujolais-Villages Blanc harvest: 2010

The plot called "Replat de Vavre" in Emeringes is perfect for Beaujolais-Villages blanc vines.

The granitic-clay soil gives us structure and aromatic finesse.

The vines are trained using Guyot simple pruning and are planted at high density (8000 vines/ha)

Integrated vinegrowing techniques used.

Average plot age: 13 years old.

### Vinification

The grapes are always harvested at the beginning of the morning to make the most of cool night temperatures.

After a few hours' maceration, the grapes are gently pressed.

The juice is allowed to settle after cooling.

Temperature regulation in our stainless steel vats allows us to carry out alcoholic fermentation at low temperatures. The wine undergoes malo-lactic fermentation. Maturing on fine lees lasts 4 to 5 months in stainless steel vats.

After cold stabilization, bottling is carried out on the estate.

