

100% Chardonnay. Beautiful and shiny golden color with green reflections. Intense aromas of white fruits, florals, white pepper and a hint of smoke, underlined by a nice richness. The wine is ample and fruity with pineapple aromas and a mineral finish. Generous and voluminous. Pairs perfectly with shellfish or grilled fish.

The vines that make up this Macon-Azé were planted in 1986, located in the commune of Azé. The vines have a south-east exposure on a limestone vault, located on the highest vines of Azé. To preserve their integrity, grapes in full clusters are care-fully harvested and sorted by hand. Following the pneumatic press, juices stay in a vat overnight for a cool settling down. Alcoholic fermentation is carried out in stainless steel tanks (80%) and barrels (20%) at low temperatures, until malolactic fermentation is 100%, for 7 months. The wine spends two more months in tanks before bottling.

Situated in the heart of Maconnais on a southeast exposed hillside, the Domaine de la Garnne overlooks the village of Azé and spreads over 20 acres, all Chardonnay planted. The Domaine was bought in 2008, and is currently supervised by Enrico Peyron, the technical advisor of Domaines Devillard. Brother and sister, Amaury and Aurore Devillard, represent the 5th generation of this historical Burgundian family. The Devillard's roots started in Mercurey in the XIIth century. However, their first estate label — Château de Chamirey — was not bottled until 1934. Beyond Mercurey, the Devillards have domaines in Nuits-Saint-Georges, Givry, Mâcon, and Pouilly-Fuissé. With over fifty percent of their vineyards designated as Premier Cru, and quite a few Grand Crus, the Devillards understand the importance of price to quality ratio; their wines are accessible to everyone.

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