

FRANÇOISE & DENIS CLAIR SAINT-AUBIN 1er CRU 'SOUS ROCHE DUMAY'



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From Saint-Aubin in the Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France. The vineyard is located halfway down the hill near the "Remilly" et "Murgers des dents de Chien". This place can also be called "Sur Gamay". It covers 1.33 acres. South-west facing with clay-limestone soil. The vines are 15-years-old, grown without herbicide or insecticide. The grapes are harvested by hand and are pressed using a pneumatic press. The juice is then lightly de-milled in barrels (20% new) where the alcoholic and malolactic fermentations take place in a natural way. Aged 11 months in barrel, then assembled in stainless steel tanks and bottled after 15 months.

Françoise and Denis Clair founded the estate in 1986 with 12 acres of Pinot Noir in Santenay, where Denis' family had long been vigneron. Over time Denis and Françoise added parcels of Chardonnay in Saint-Aubin, where Françoise was from, and where the winery is today. The total area cultivated is now around 37 acres. Since 2000, their son Jean-Baptiste has worked on the estate, gradually taking on more responsibility, and gaining plaudits for the increased refinement and precision of the wines. Jean-Baptiste has been responsible for vinification since 2011. Sadly, Denis passed away in 2016. His legacy is in the best of hands.

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Tasting Note:

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