

THE SOURCE

Producer	Rodolphe Demougeot		
Wine	2012 Beaune Blanc, "Clos Saint-Désiré"		
Region and Country	Burgundy, France		
Varietal(s)	Chardonnay		
Terroir	Composed of relatively equal proportions of clay, sand, rock and silt on top of the limestone marl bedrock, Clos Saint-Désiré is grown high up on the slope of Beaune just above the famous red 1er Cru Clos des Mouches. Here the soil is surprisingly deep for this higher altitude site at nearing the apex of the Montagne Saint-Désiré. The wine is replete with solid mineral intensity and a surprisingly more full body due to the combination of deep topsoil mixed with a high proportion of limestone rocks.		
Soil	A single parcel of 0.45 hectare with topsoil proportions of clay (24%), sand (16%), silt (34%), limestone rock (24%) on limestone marl bedrock.		
Irrigation	Forbidden—Never—Sometimes	Technical Precision	Nature—Moderate—Nurture
Vine Age	Planted in 1979	Altitude(m); Aspect	300-340; Southeast
Vinification	The Chardonnay grapes are whole cluster pressed and the juice settled overnight before racking to barrel for a naturally occurring fermentation.		
Aging	Aged in 90% old 228l and 350l oak barrels for one year, then racked into stainless steel tank for five to six months before bottling in the spring. It is not fined but it is lightly filtered. The first addition of sulfites is made before the bottling.		
Farming	Drink Young—Short-Term Benefits—Long-Term Benefits—Unknown		
Enological Additions	Sulfites		

Observations (subjective and abstract; based on young wines)

General Impressions

Ageability	Drink Young—Short-Term Benefits—Long-Term Benefits—Unknown		
Intensity	Subtle—Vigorous—Electric	Body	Light—Medium—Full
Core	Lithe—Medium—Dense	Tannin	Light—Medium—Full
Acidity	Light—Medium—Full—Electric	Wood Presence	Light—Medium—Full—Electric
Texture	Lithe—Medium—Dense	Finish	Front—Middle—Back
Mineral Impressions	Lightly Salty—Salty—Metal—Mineral—Wet Stone—Flint—Graphite—Reductive—Petrol		

Lab Analysis (general range)

Alcohol %	12.5-13.0	Titrateable Acidity (g/L)
pH		Residual Sugar (g/L)
Total SO2	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High	

Notes compiled in 2019 by Ted Vance (The Source) and Rodolphe Demougeot
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