

Domaine de Lalande

Dominique Cornin, Chaintré

'How refreshing not to have to drink an oaky chardonnay!' Martine declared after she tried Domaine de Lalande's Pouilly-Fuissé.

A Search For A Producer

It was André Porcheret who introduced Martine to Dominique Cornin. She had been looking for a quality Mâcon producer who met her high standards.

Frustrated with growers who placed quantity over quality, relied on machine harvesting, fertilizers, over productive clones and similar techniques, Martine asked Monsieur Porcheret if he knew of any undiscovered, scrupulous growers. She asked the right man. No stranger to excellence, Monsieur Porcheret is the former

winemaker of Domaine Leroy and Hospices de Beaune and is currently part owner and winemaker for Domaine Monthélie-Douhairet, also imported by Martine's Wines, Inc. Dominique Cornin had been quietly caring for a 20-acre vineyard of Pouilly-Fuissé.

Mâcon-Chaintré

Cornin lives just outside the village of Chaintré in Mâcon, in a humble home in the middle of his beautiful estate vineyard. The juice is fermented in enamel-lined tanks. The resulting wines are very fruity and well structured. Dominique's Mâcon-Chaintré is rich, unctuous and as elegant as a top-notch Pouilly-Fuissé.

Mâcon-Chânes

At the border of Beaujolais, Dominique also owns a 5-acre plot in the village of Mâcon-Chânes. This vineyard is located just below the one he owns in St. Véran and grows in deeper, richer soil. It produces a highly aromatic wine that requires more aging than the Mâcon-Chaintré and is grown completely organically.

St. Véran

Just above the Mâcon-Chânes vineyard, the St. Véran plot produces richer, more complex chardonnay. It spends only six months in four-year-old barrels. Locally it is a favorite accompaniment to fresh goat cheese.

Pouilly-Fuissé, 'Les Chevières'

An elderly philanthropist donated the vineyard

Dominique tends to in Pouilly-Fuissé to Hospices de Beaune. Upon her death, she left her entire estate to the famous hospital, and Dominique continues to care for the vineyard in exchange for half of the crop. His 'Les Chevières' is 100% barrel fermented in new oak. The wine is elegant and rich with a mineral character and a long, flinty finish.

Beaujolais Blanc

In addition to his other outstanding chardonnays, Domaine de Lalande offers a lively and delightful Beaujolais Blanc. It is a refreshingly crisp and vigorous wine.

