

DOMAINE DE CHENE COLOMBE

Domaine de Chene Colombe is a family Domaine located in the northernmost part of the Macon region, just south of the Cotes Chalonnaise. The 3-hectare vineyard is planted entirely with Chardonnay on south-facing slopes at an average altitude of 200 meters. The soil is a thin cover of clay over a bed of limestone, covered with small white pebbles and numerous fossils; it is deep and cool, which makes for a slow ripening process and the development of complex flavors and aromas in the grapes.

Macon Villages - 100% Chardonnay.

After three hours of pre-maceration and skincontact, the grapes are quickly pressed in a state of the art bladder press, in order to extract all the fruit and aromas while avoiding any bitterness.

COUNTRY	FRANCE
REGION	BURGUNDY
APPELLATION(S)	MACON-VILLAGES
PRODUCER	DOMAINE DE CHENE
	COLOMBE
FOUNDED	1960
ANNUAL PRODUCTION	350 Cases
FARMING	LA LUTTE RAISONNÉE
WEBSITE	N/A

Two-thirds of the juice ferments in temperature controlled, stainless steel cuves, the balance in oak casks. The wine is bottled after the malolactic fermentation finishes in the late spring. It is released for sale after four months of bottle age.

The Domaine de Chene Colombe Macon Villages is a text book example: a lively bouquet of green apples and flowers (acacia is notable) and good, crisp persistent Chardonnay fruit that sends a wake-up call to the senses. It is the perfect all-purpose white wine, served chilled but not ice-cold. This Chardonnay goes particularly well with lighter fish and fowl dishes, shrimp and crab, cold meats, and is also a perfect aperitif.

