



THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR QUALITY

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Mathieu's veins run with Mâconnais blood. He's from Saint-Véran and grew-up at his family's estate, Domaine des Valanges. While his brother, Camille, decided to become a vigneron like his father and grandfather, Mathieu chose a different path...Camille is at home in his quiet vineyards and cellar, but Mathieu is an extrovert who thrives making connections between people. With his upbringing amongst the winemakers of Burgundy's southern Chardonnay and Gamay vineyards, Mathieu knew he could use his social talents to shine a light on the wonderful wines of his beloved home. Since 2011, Mathieu has sought out the most authentic wines of Mâcon and Beaujolais, working with his network of wine-grower and wine-maker friends to secure wines with real character and identity, while at the same time delivering value that is so hard to find further north in Burgundy. Each year, we work with Mathieu to bottle wines of a clear-cut place and poise. All the wines are made at his family's estate. They are never acidified, nor wrecked by heavy filtration or new oak. The wines we offer with Mathieu show so well that the Chardonnays of Mâcon and the Gamays of Beaujolais are not Burgundy "also-ran" wines. Mâcon and Beaujolais are "destination wines" that stand tall with their northern cousins. Come and find out for yourself!

Mâcon-Fuissé 2021

Talk about fine terroir and prime real estate: This 100% Chardonnay hails from Fuisse (population 1,800!), one of the finest communes in the appellation. This vineyard is nestled just west of the Saone river, a very short distance from its sister communes of Viré and Clessé. The soils on this east-facing, gentle slope are comprised of limestone and clay, with ample rock debris, providing superior drainage. The organically-farmed vines, averaging 36 years age, are tended by Mathieu's longtime friend Jean-Michel, and are severely pruned to limit yields, hand picked, and reflect a completely natural terroir – no spraying or artificial anything. The fruit is bladder pressed into 100% steel then flows by gravity to be finished in cement vats. The bouquet is open and generous, with quartz, minerals, baskets of Meyer lemons and white flowers. The palate is fresh, alive and pure "back-to-the-future" Chardonnay from Burgundy.

