



THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR QUALITY

Mathieu Paquet

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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-Villages 2021

100% Chardonnay from the village of Uchizy. Mathieu's longtime friend, Jean-Michel, is the organic caretaker of these east-facing, well-drained, deep in marl vines. Uchizy is a dark horse, only recognized by natives as prime Chardonnay real estate in the northern Mâconnais. Made with natural yeasts, bladder pressed into steel, and rested in steel, the 2021 is effortlessly buoyant: cold rain over white rock, zest of lemon and the spray of freshly cut green apple. Float-on Chardonnay.

