

Saint-Aubin Premier Cru AOC Vignes Moingeon

<i>Code</i>	<i>Producer</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Region</i>
BILAUB	Domaine Billard	France	Burgundy
<i>Varieties</i>	<i>ABV</i>	<i>Oak</i>	<i>Capsule Type</i>
Chardonnay	13%	Alliers & Tronçais barrels, 15 months	Cork



Background

The Billard family home is situated 15km south of Beaune in a small village called La Rochepot. Jérôme Billard is the fifth generation to head the establishment and has managed the vineyards since 1999 with a continuous passion to create the best Burgundian wines. Their aim is to create wines which are an expression of their individual terroirs. The vineyard covers 17 hectares and spans four AOCs, (Aligoté, Hautes Côtes de Beaune Blanc and Rouge and Crémant) five AOC-villages and three Premier Cru sites, (Saint Aubin Blanc and Rouge and Beaune).

Winemaking

Green-harvesting and canopy management held to maintain yield levels and optimum ripeness in the fruit. Domaine Billard do not use chemical sprays, instead preferring to encourage natural predators, such as insects to feed on any pests. The grapes are hand-harvested then transferred to sorting tables where they are scrutinised and carefully selected, ensuring that only the highest quality fruit is used. Gentle whole-bunch pressing occurs in a pneumatic press which helps to preserve purity of aroma and balance. Fermentation and maturation take place in a combination of Alliers and Tronçais barrels with the wine developing for 15 months. Regular lees stirring creates a round style with incredible depth of flavour.

Tasting & Pairing

Inviting aromas of rich lemon and soft butter accompanied by delicate back notes of refreshing exotic fruits. Fantastic weight on the palate in an elegant, refined style. Gentle citrus flavours, round creamy butter tones and well integrated oak characteristics balance perfectly creating a lasting finish.

Ideal with light fish dishes or white meats.

Sustainability & Extra Information

Domaine Billard follow biodynamic techniques during winegrowing; using the lunar calendar and restricting machinery on the vineyards.