

Chanson 2005 White Villages Of Burgundy

Chalk, limestone, clay and ripe chardonnay. These are the special ingredients in the recipe that makes great white burgundy. This month we traverse the terroir, from Montagny to Beaune, with exceptional wines from the highly regarded house of Chanson Père et Fils. Our October event continues a series of tastings started in 2008 to help our members explore the communes of Burgundy. This tasting will be led by a very special guest, Sophie Baldo (the Export Manager for Chanson), who will guide us through the various terroirs and styles and provide invaluable insights into the wines. Sophie Baldo has again scheduled her trip to Toronto to coincide with our tasting. Winetasters extends thanks to Andrew Hanna (of the Agents John Hanna & Sons) for his kind help in acquiring these wines.

Chanson was established as Maison Verry in 1750 by wine negociant and cheese merchant Simon Verry. Since 1774, its wines have been protected by the 26 feet thick walls of the "Bastion de l'Oratoire," the largest tower of Beaune, built by Francois 1st of France to defend the town and prevent the return of the heirs of Charles the Bold. The Chanson name arrived a few decades later as Maison Verry brought in the family as business managers in the early 1800's. Verry's shares and vineyards were sold to Alexis Chanson in 1847 and the Chanson history began in earnest. This transition dovetailed with the time that phylloxera devastated the vineyards of Europe. With excellent cash reserves, Chanson survived this difficult time and shrewdly (but not without risk) purchased several great Beaune vineyards as land prices plummeted. This dedication to ownership of Premier cru and Grand Cru vineyards remains a priority, and the Chanson domaine consists entirely of Premier Cru vines, apart from one Grand Cru, Corton-Vergennes. The Chanson marque was sold to the prestigious Societe Jacques Bollinger Group in 1999, which has invested in state of the art fermentation facilities. The Chanson style is defined in purity of fruit expression. Only 25% new oak is used in production of their white wines. This judicious use of wood leads to a wine profile that is delicate, fruit forward, with precise acidity, fine minerality and generous length. We will explore virtually all of the Chanson styles at all price points in this tasting. The 2005 growing season was described as exceptional and the grapes were picked at optimum ripeness and in perfect health.

Please join us as we taste the fabulous 2005 Chanson white Burgundy portfolio consisting of: Montagny 1er Cru, Savigny Haut Marconnets 1er Cru, Beaune 1er Cru Bastion, St Aubin Pittengerets, Meursault, Meursault 1er Cru Blagny, Chassagne Montrachet and Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru Corton-Vergennes.

As always with our tastings, this event will be strictly non-smoking, and we request your cooperation in not wearing any scented after-shave or perfume.

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Limit: 132 people

North York Memorial Community Hall
5110 Yonge St. (under library)
North York Centre Subway

Cancellations accepted up to October 8, 2010 — David Hutchison (416-690-0281 **evenings**). **No reservations by phone, please.** No confirmations will be issued — you will be contacted only if we are sold out. First come basis. Non-members may attend at guest rates, but preference will be given to members.

You can register online using a credit card at www.winetasters.ca, or send in this form with a cheque.

Tear and Enclose _____

Cheque payable to:
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Names: _____

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Cheque Enclosed for: **Chanson 2005 White Villages of Burgundy**

_____ Members @ 55.00 each _____
_____ Guests @ 66.00 each _____

Yes, I wish to sit at a New Members Table with an expert to answer my questions.

Total _____

