



# Domaine Chanson Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches Rouge

PREMIER CRU

2015



## ESTATE

One of the great historic producers of France, founded in 1750 and purchased by the Champagne Bollinger family in 1999, Chanson today is one of only six producers in Burgundy still remaining from the 18th century and earlier. Chanson has been meticulously managed since 1999 to become one of Burgundy's top estates. Domaine Chanson's extensive holdings, and the extraordinary rigor and precision of their approach in the vineyards and cellars, result in wines of individuality and quality.

## VINEYARD

Domaine Chanson is the second largest owner of Clos des Mouches, one of the Beaune's most highly respected premier cru vineyards. The literal translation of mouche is a fly, but in fact the local usage means honey bees. It is a sunny terroir which benefits from its ideal location on the hill at the southern end of the vineyards of Beaune, rising up toward Pommard. Domaine Chanson's portion of the vineyard is around 11 acres. A plot of 5 acres is planted with Pinot Noir on a limestone subsoil covered with clay. A touch of sand in the soil contributes to the graceful character of the reds in this cru.

## VINTAGE

After a cold Winter and a mild Spring, the weather conditions in summer were ideal with cold nights and warm days, leading to a perfect maturation of the grapes. The harvest started early September under bright sunshine. The red wines developed beautiful aromas of ripe red and black berries with a fleshy texture.

## VINIFICATION

Chanson vinifies all their wines 100% whole cluster. They believe the complexity and structure of the wines is greatly enhanced, and the vinification process is improved. The major condition is that grapes must be perfect in terms of ripeness and condition. The reds have a perceptible style as a result: beautiful aromatics with complex spice complementing fruit on the nose and palate. Chanson also strives to maximize the preservation of fresh fruit characteristics. Grapes are chilled immediately on arrival in a proprietary tunnel they developed: a very quick chill with no oxygen exposure. Aging is in oak casks for 17 months.

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"A spicy style, this is also compact and sleek, with dusty tannins framing strawberry, cherry and mineral flavors. Balanced on the fresh side, almost racy in profile, ending in a cascade of fruit and spice. Best from 2020 through 2033."

– 94 Points Wine Spectator

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