



2013

*Santenay Premier Cru  
Beauregard*

APPELLATION AND VINEYARDS

The southernmost village within the Côte d'Or, Santenay's etymology probably derives from the Latin word "Sanctus," implying a place that was considered sacred even before the Christian era. Although recognized for its graceful Pinot Noirs, Santenay also produces intense Chardonnays of great depth and structure. The Beauregard vineyard is one of those hidden gems that reveal Santenay's potential for magical white wines that offer a perfect equilibrium of body, elegance and mineral-rich complexity.

VINTAGE

After daunting weather problems in both 2011 and 2012, Burgundy growers were hoping for a reprieve in 2013. This was not to be. An exceptionally cool, wet spring resulted in floods and muddy vineyards throughout the region. Rain continued during flowering in June, and July hailstorms in the Côte de Beaune further reduced the fruit set and subsequent grape yields to historic lows. Biodynamically farmed grapes like those of Château de la Créée tended to ripen more fully than others, a crucial advantage in one of the longest Burgundy growing seasons on record. Despite early concern about the vintage, wine critics are now finding most 2013 Burgundies to be delightfully terroir-specific, with excellent suppleness and clarity of fruit.

TASTING NOTES

This wine shows a deft touch of oak in its seductive bouquet, which complements and integrates with fresh aromas of ripe white and yellow fruits, and cut straw. There is a vivacity and perfumed precision to the wine's brisk after-palate, presenting lively citrus notes combined with hints of minerality that carry through on the lingering, slightly saline finish.