



2014

*Santenay Premier Cru*  
*“Gravières”*

APPELLATION AND VINEYARDS

The southernmost village within the Côte d’Or, Santenay is located just south of Chassagne-Montrachet. Santenay’s etymology probably derives from the Latin word “Sanctus,” implying a place considered sacred even before the Christian era. Although recognized for its graceful Pinot Noirs, Santenay also produces intense, mineral-rich Chardonnays of great depth and structure. The Gravières vineyard lies close to the border of Chassagne-Montrachet, and may be the most prestigious parcel in Santenay. Our Gravières Premier Cru Chardonnay comes from mature vines with southeastern aspect and row orientation.

VINTAGE

The 2014 vintage in Burgundy started unusually early after a mild winter. March began with wet weather that turned hot and dry during flowering. Spring was followed by generally wet, chilly conditions for most of the summer, which slowed down ripening and maintained good acid levels for most grapes. Starting in mid-August mostly dry and sunny conditions prevailed, giving the grapes a steady maturation, with harvest generally beginning around the middle of September. Below average yields throughout the region resulted in concentrated grapes with ideal acidity. As with other recent years, the Burgundy 2014 vintage produced many excellent wines during what was far from an easy growing season.

TASTING NOTES

Rich, intense flavors of citrus and apple are the hallmarks of this elegant, handsomely opulent white Burgundy. Offering a stylish, ripe-apple Chardonnay nose, the wine’s beautiful fruit profile is complemented by a crisp, slightly mineral acidity that carries seamlessly through a harmonious finish of remarkable length.

*221 cases produced*

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