

DOMAINE FICHET

Olivier Fichet stands alone in the town of Igé. He is one of the only three producers in the village; the others are the town's cooperative and another winemaker that simply bottles for local consumption.



Domaine Fichet was born in 1976 when Francis Fichet (Olivier's father) withdrew from the town co-op and began to make wines from his estate vineyards. In their youth, Olivier and his brother, Pierre-Yves, worked side-by-side with their father; tending to the vines and land they own today. In 1990, the brothers took full control of the winery and began to broaden the domaine's holdings: Olivier is in charge of all the winemaking and vinification, while Pierre-Yves handles all the vineyard work.

Olivier Fichet has devoted his life to farming and growing the reputation of his beloved vineyards in the Mâconnais. Since taking over from their father, the brothers have increased the size of the vineyards from 11 to 20 hectares and raised the quality level of their wines significantly.

The lieu di "Chateau London" is one of the oldest and most reputable terroir in the Mâconnais. This is due largely to its unique, white-limestone content in the chalk and clay and to the microclimate which brings extra humidity and morning fog. Francis Fichet was one of the first to plant Pinot Noir in the highly Chardonnay-dominant region. His original plantings are now over 30 years old and are blended with Pinot that Pierre-Yves planted in 1994. This is a very high quality at this price.

MACON-IGÉ

"CHATEAU LONDON"



Varietal/Blend: Chardonnay

Farming: lutte raisonnée

Soil: clay and limestone

Altitude / Exposure: 325m / SW

Trellis System: Macon single pruning (variant of Guyot)

Ave. Year Vines Planted: 1920-1995, blending 9 different plots of various ages

Yeast: commercial

Fermentation: 100% destemming, cold pre-fermentative maceration for 15-22hrs; fermentation begins in temperature-controlled, stainless-steel vats

Malolactic: partial MLF

Aging: 10 to 12 months in stainless steel and 10% old oak barrels

Alcohol: 13.5%

Fined: with bentonite

Filtered: yes

"It's one of the first localities to be used in the Macon area since the beginning of the seventies. This cuvee is very representative of the white wines of the Macon area." Winemaker's Notes

Country: France

Region: Burgundy

Sub Region: Mâconnais

Vineyard: Terroir de Burgy

Vineyard Size: 4.75 ha