



DOMAINE ANDRÉ ET MIREILLE TISSOT, STÉPHANE TISSOT ARBOIS CHARDONNAY "PATCHWORK" 2013



The Jura is an old chain of mountains drawing a natural border between France and Switzerland. Even though just 80 miles east of the Côte de Beaune and west of the Valais, this region existed for centuries in splendid isolation. Unburdened by the ways of its neighbors, they protected their indigenous grapes and distinct vinification methods regarded as stubborn by the oenological conformists. If you are one of those people who long to escape from the shallowness and tedium of wine fashion, then the Jura is for you. Stéphane Tissot's fascinating personality between candid kindness and an incredible obstinacy lead him to become the most highly regarded of the regions' leaders. Certified organic since 1999 and biodynamic since 2004, Stéphane's estate is an example of natural practices. The 30 wines produced at the estate are showcasing all the "patchwork" of Terroir that Jura can offer, displaying an incredible "life" and a signature that you find nowhere else.

SOIL TYPE _____

8 acres in 5 different plots named "en courçon", "le Moulin", "le pont", "la régole" and "les corvées sous Curon". West facing parcels made of 60 % of clay and 40% of limestone

VARIETAL _____

100% Chardonnay – vines planted in 1962, 1974 & 1978.

CULTURE _____

Vines farmed Biodynamically with no use of herbicides or phytosanitary products. Use of sulfites and copper as well as plant infusions. Organic compost made at the estate. Traditional working of the soil.

Manual harvesting in cases.

Certified organic Ecocert and Biodynamic Demeter.

VINIFICATION _____

Slow pressing in pneumatic press. Fermentation and ageing in 228 liters French oak barrels during 12 months (10% new oak). Light filtration before bottling. Total doses of SO2 below 40 mg/l.

TASTING NOTES _____

It is sharp and salty yet quite fruit-forward. Quince, kiwi, mango skin, and other exotic fruit come to mind as well as crème brûlée, minerals, and candied tangerine peel. There is life in this wine.

From the same Winery :

*Crémant du Jura "BBF" Extra Brut
"Singulier" Arbois Trousseau 2013
Château Chalon 2007*

