



Several generations have been necessary to patiently built one of the largest and greatest estates in the area, focused on key appellations such as Château-Chalon, l'Étoile and Arbois. The Domaine MAIRE & Fils covers nowadays 218 hectares of vines producing all the area grapes varieties.

Appellation

The Jura wine region is small in size but large in its remarkable diversity. It covers 80 kilometres between Burgundy and Switzerland, in the eastern France.

The Arbois AOC is the oldest and largest of the Jura's four geographic AOCs. In particular, it was France's first AOC (created in 1937).

Its name originates in the Celtic words "ar" and "bois" that would mean "fertile land".

Grape variety

100% Savagnin.

Typical of the Jura region, the Savagnin is a demanding and patient grape, very often associated with oxidative ageing under a film of yeast known as the "voile", or veil.

But its less well-known mineral facet has to be discovered: in fact, in topped-up barrels, it displays mineral notes of lemon and white flowers.



Terroir

The “Sorbief” parcel is locally known as one of the best terroirs in Arbois. It is at least the treasure of the estate's vineyards where the Savagnin grape variety has been cultivated for generations. Particularly adapted to this late and demanding grape variety, the plot called “La Barodotte” is located in the west of the Domaine and to the southwest of the Arbois village on a lovely hill overlooking the famous “Route des vins du Jura” (the Jura wine road) RN 83:

- Surface: 1,5 Ha
- Full South exposure
- Average age of vines : 32 years (1987)
- Triassic marls sols.

The work in the vines, is based on the respect of the nature and the soil. We practice soil reassembly to aerate the lands subjected to settlement due to moisture, and grass with plants. Such as clover, which, by competing on the vine, can modulate its mineral and water supply and control its vigour and yield.

The Guyot double size is necessary to better control the vine performance.