



**IPO WINES**

## 2023 Domaine Jean-Marc Vincent Auxey-Duresses Blanc "Les Hautés"

IMPORTED BY Kermit Lynch

**COUNTRY**  
France

**REGION**  
Burgundy

**APPELLATION**  
Auxey-Duresses

**SOIL TYPE**  
Marly Limestone

**VARIETAL(S)**  
100% Chardonnay

**FARMING**  
Organic

**WINEMAKER**  
Anne-Marie & Jean-Marc Vincent

### ABOUT THE PRODUCER

Anne-Marie and Jean-Marc Vincent inherited most of their vines, principally located in and around the village of Santenay in the southern Côte de Beaune, from Jean-Marc's grandfather, André Bardollet-Bravard. They produce three premier cru reds and two premier cru whites from Santenay, in addition to a red and a white Auxey-Duresses. The Vincent wines are characterized by rich, layered fruit, intense expression of individual terroir, and solid structure.

Their Auxey-Duresses Blanc "Les Hautés," which thankfully happens to be their highest production wine (that is, more than two barrels produced), is a gem and a role model for other producers of the appellation. This is the wine that first attracted Kermit to the domaine. "I had rarely had an Auxey-Duresses that excited my taste buds," he said, "I knew I was on to something." And indeed it reaches the heights of many a white Burgundy with a greater pedigree. It also evolves well in one's cellar. The Vincents' wine operation is a family affair and A-M and J-M split their time between the vineyards, cellars and their young children. Their miniscule production always sells out quickly to a small group of devoted clients. All of their wines are a testament to the importance of vigneron talent in a given appellation. While a great vigneron can make over-achievers from any appellation, a great appellation will never be great in the hands of mediocrity.

William Kelley of the Wine Advocate said "This small but exceptional five-hectare Santenay domaine is one of the Côte de Beaune's finest and deserves to be much better known."

### WINE NOTES

All grapes are harvested by hand, with several passes through the vineyard to pick grapes at the optimal point of maturity. Sorting happens in the vineyard with each grape being inspected by the harvesters. The goal of the vinification and aging is to let the wine develop at a very slow pace. Grapes are pressed immediately after harvest under low pressure and must is transferred by gravity to new oak casks for fermentation, wine is aged in 30 to 40% new oak barrels, wines are never racked, wines are aged for a minimum of 15 months, lees are stirred 3 or 4 times per month up until Spring, then left on the lees until aging is finished. Vine Age: 20, 55 years.

Focused aromatics of white peach, yellow apple, lime blossoms and honey are infused with notes of hazelnut, acacia blooms, white button mushrooms, oyster shells and a light hint of baking spice. As the wine takes air, the palate fills out in texture to match the bright acidity, revealing concentrated flavors of citrus blossoms, hazelnut, honey, and limestone minerality.

"As the story goes, this was the wine that led Kermit to Jean-Marc Vincent. Appropriate, because it seems to me just the kind of wine Kermit likes to have up his sleeve to surprise his most discerning customers. "See if you can guess where this one's from," he might say. As you would marvel over the explosive roundness balanced by the stony, mineral freshness, he'd nod and tell you it's an Auxey blanc. And just like that, your paradigm would shift, and you'd have a taste of the satisfaction he gets from sharing such rare pearls." - Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant

