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## VIRÉ-CLESSÉ 'Jus de Fructidor'

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**AOP:** Viré-Clessé

**Grape variety:** Chardonnay

### TERROIR (SOIL)

In southern Burgundy, the newest of the Mâconnais Village Appellations (decree of February 1999), located about twenty kilometres north of Mâcon, replaces the former Mâcon-Clessé and Mâcon-Viré Appellations. The 220 hectares of the Viré-Clessé appellation are located on two north/south slopes, composed of Bajocian limestone with entrochs and Oxfordian (Jurassic) marl-limestone strata at an altitude of between 200 and 440 metres. Usually renowned for its rich and sometimes overripe wines, the Viré-Clessé AOP can also produce lively and taut wines, such as this "Jus de Fructidor" cuvée, harvested before overripeness and inspired by the month of Fructidor in the revolutionary calendar, beginning on 18 August.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes are harvested at perfect maturity, then the wines are aged in our cellars in Loché. Pressing is carried out with care to promote the extraction of compounds from the grape skins, which are conducive to ageing on fine lees. Fermentation and ageing for around eight months take place entirely in 228-litre Burgundy oak barrels, with no new barrels used. Our natural, patient and minimally interventionist winemaking methods aim to allow the terroirs to express themselves with precision and purity.

### TASTING

We recommend tasting this Viré-Clessé within the first 3 years. The wine has a pale gold colour and an appealing expression of white fruits (pear, peach) and white flowers (hawthorn, acacia). On the palate, the wine is fresh and balanced, slightly toasted with a salty and lemony finish.

### MATCHING WITH FOODS

Serve between 8 and 12°C in fine glassware. This beautiful Chardonnay wine is the perfect accompaniment to seafood, fish, poultry (from Bresse) and white meats.



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Joseph Burrier has been continuing the tradition of our family, working in the vineyards of Southern Burgundy for 5 centuries and 17 generations. At the present time we are farming Château de Beauregard and Domaine Georges Burrier in Fuissé, Château du Clos in Pouilly, Domaine de la Rochette in Milly-Lamartine and Domaine Joseph Burrier in Fleurie. An exceptional vineyard making Joseph Burrier one of the major family estates of Mâconnais and Beaujolais: nearly 60 hectares of vines mainly on the AOP Pouilly-Fuissé, including the 1st Crus LES VIGNES BLANCHES, POUILLY, LES MÉNÉTRIÈRES, LES REISSES, VERS CRAS, LA MARÉCHAUDÉ and LES CRAYS, but also in the AOP Saint-Véran, Mâcon-Milly-Lamartine, Mâcon-Bussières, Fleurie, Moulin-à-Vent, Morgon, Saint-Amour, Chiroubles and Juliéna.