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Les **vigneron(ne)s**
de l'année



Jura

Jean-Luc **Mouillard**

Jean-Luc Mouillard got started in 1991, the same year Macvin became an appellation. The meeting of the must of Chardonnay and the Marc du Jura often gives birth to Macvins of high expression—so three coups de Coeur in the Guide Hachette and three stars this year—with this winegrower established at Mantry, a little village situated in the heart of Revermont, where he produces also some Côtes du Jura, Etoile, Chateau-Chalon, and a Crémant. But Jean-Luc got started about ten kilometers to the south, in Nevy-sur-Seille, with his parents who were coop winegrowers and farmers. An atavism which he enriched classically with viti-oeno training and a year of study at Beaune, home of Chardonnay.

Chardonnay is a grape variety which he manages to perfection, evidence of which is his magnificent Cotes du Jura Bas de la Chaux 2022, which earned here the top score. A wine raised in barrel and topped off in his beautiful vaulted cellars dating to the end of the sixteenth century. At his disposal, a vineyard which he has gradually enlarged and which extends today on 11 hectares which he cultivates with his wife Annie and son Mathieu.

Another speciality of the domaine: l'Etoile, a little appellation to the northwest of Lons-le-Saunier which owes its name to 5 hills which surround it, arranged like five spokes of a star and with soil concealing a multitude of little star-shaped fossils. Chardonnay especially, Savignin a little and Poulsard more rarely make for complex white wines, including as well the original *vins de paille* and *vins jaunes*.

That of Jean-Luc Mouillard is a very good value. His cuvée Sélection 2020 is an assemblage of Chardonnay (60%) and Savignin, fermented separately and raised in barrel for 30 months *sous voile* and assembled before bottling. In the glass, a wine very complex, rich and long. In the Guide Hachette, three Coups de Coeur for the last three editions!