

# SAINT-ROMAIN

Appellation Saint-Romain Contrôlée

2018

Maison Shaps
A MEURSAULT-CÔTE-D'OR-FRANCE

Variety

100% Chardonnay

AOC

Saint-Romain

Vineyard

Sous le Château

Soil

Limestone

**Harvest Date** 

September 10, 2018

#### Fermentation & Aging

Barrel fermented 100% 1-year-old French oak, aged 11 months

#### **Technical Data**

pH: 3.32

TA: 6.7 g/L

Alc: 13.4%

RS: <0.02%

Bottled: July 2019

Cases Produced: 50

### VINEYARD NOTES

These chardonnay grapes come from the lieu-dit "Sous le Château" located on the steep hillsides of Saint-Romain. The vines average 50 years old, and are low-yielding. The soil consists of heavy limestone. This south-facing, limestone site situated on a steep incline has ideal conditions for ripening and drainage. The 2018 vintage was a classic vintage with a warm summer and moderate rainfall just before harvest.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes are brought to the winery in Meursault where the whole cluster fruit is pressed and then fermented in one-year-old French oak barrels. All of our wines undergo a traditional non-inoculated natural fermentation, which often extends the fermentation through the winter and then undergoes a full malolactic fermentation in the spring. Thus remaining "sur-lie" and not racked until bottling after 11 months.

## WINEMAKERS NOTES

Sous le Château is one of the top village sites in Saint-Romain, which creates wines with intense minerality, lime, pear, and apple notes. This is a very elegant style of chardonnay, with a judicious amount of oak that promotes an elegance without overpowering the grape, and adds to a lengthy finish. This wine will age 4-6 years.