

Domaine Pêcheur



Château Chalon



At a Glance:

- **Appellation:** AOC Château Chalon
- **Encépagement:** Savagnin (100%)
- **Average Annual Production:**
- **Average Alcohol by Volume:** 14%
- **Average Residual Sugar:** <5 g/l
- **Average Total Acidity:**

In The Vineyard:

- **Parcel Names, Slopes, and Locations:** From the steeply-sloped, south-facing Gaillardon parcel near Château Chalon
- **Soil Types and Compositions:** Blue limestone-clay marls
- **Vine Age, Training, and Density:** Trained in Guyot and planted at 5,000 vines/ha, vines average 50 years old
- **Average Yields:** Controlled through severe winter pruning, debudding, and green harvesting
- **Average Harvest Date and Type:** Manual, late September

In The Cellar:

- **Fermentation:** Wine ferments spontaneously in stainless-steel tanks
- **Pressing:** Pneumatic pressing
- **Time on Lees:** Wine is racked following malolactic and remains on its fine lees until assemblage prior to bottling.
- **Malolactic Fermentation:** Spontaneous, in tank following alcoholic fermentation
- **Élevage:** c. 6 years in neutral oak barrels with no topping up
- **Press Wine:** Blended after pressing
- **Fining and Filtration:** Fined with bentonite, plate filtration if necessary
- **Sulfur:** Applied at harvest and at bottling, with c. 30-40 g/l total sulfur

In The Glass:

The Vin-Jaune-only appellation of Château-Chalon is the Jura's grand cru in all but name, its ultra-steep slopes of grey marl producing wines of greater finesse and more pronounced minerality than its peers in Arbois. Aged in a phenomenally rustic above-ground barrel cellar with wide temperature fluctuations, Pêcheur's Château Chalon is a wine of terrific precision, with a smoky mezcal-like note emerging from beneath intensely saline minerality and taut green fruits.