



DOMAINE DURAND PERRON & EARL MILLION ROUSSEAU SAVOIE

WEB POP-UP

When it comes to French wine, we've all heard of Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Chablis - but Jura and Savoie? In keeping with Opimian's ethos of bringing you unique wines of quality, this Pop-Up is off the charts!

Such wines have always been popular with you, the Members, and for good reason. You now have the opportunity to order and taste wines that very few people in Canada (and the world) have tasted. These wines have all passed the Master of Wine taste test so you can rest assured that you are experiencing the expression of these unique terroirs at their very best.

Don't miss this opportunity to broaden your wine education and experience. No matter how many other appellations you are familiar with, Jura and Savoie will have you wondering where these have been all of your life. New essence and flavour combinations blend beautifully to provide you and your most favoured drinking companions with a remarkable tasting.

Let the passionate winemaking of the Helfrich family in Jura and the pioneering spirit of the Million Rousseau family in Savoie take you on a journey to their tiny, treasured vineyards in France.

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**JAN 23
AND FEB 6,
2023**



This special web exclusive offer celebrates the joy of discovery by highlighting two of France's most unique appellations, Jura and Savoie. Both appellations specialize in crafting an exciting range of styles from several distinctive varieties. Let's explore!

Domaine Durand Perron

The Helfrich family has been making wine and 'eau de vie' in Marlenheim, Alsace since 1934. In the 1980s, Joseph Helfrich recognized consumers' growing interest in premium quality wines. In response, he began to purchase boutique wineries across the country. Today, the company, which remains entirely family owned, is led by Joseph's children, Frederic and Anne-Laure. The family currently owns 62 properties across France and three overseas, making them the second largest wine company in the country.

Joseph has always had a passion for the distinguished wines of the Jura, so naturally the family's first acquisition was in this tiny French appellation located between Burgundy and Switzerland. In 2008, the Helfriches purchased Domaine Durand Perron a seventy-year-old domaine tucked away in the Château Chalon appellation. The winemaker, Rachel Gondol, originally from the Jura, has made wine in regions as diverse as New Zealand, Chile and Spain. She is pleased to be back at home with the chance to make the wide range of wines that Domaine Durand Perron has to offer.

The terroir of the Jura is unparalleled. The ancient soils are a patchwork of limestone and marl. The vineyards are planted with several rare varieties such as Savagnin, Poulsard and Trousseau. The particularly humid climate of the area allows for the opportunity to age some of the wine "sous voile" or under a veil of special yeast that is present in the cellar. These nutty, fino-like (unfortified) wines are only one of the many styles of wine made. The region is also famous for world class Chardonnay and unforgettable sweet wines called Vin de Paille.

The entire Jura appellation covers a mere 1,850 hectares, stretching 80 kilometers from north to south. Most of the territory's limited production is consumed locally, leaving very little for export. We are thrilled to have secured these small-parcel treasures for our Opimian Members.



3943 DOMAINE DURAND PERRON
CHARDONNAY, VIEILLES VIGNES,
AOP CÔTES DU JURA, 2020



Chardonnay

750ml

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A savory, Burgundian-style Chardonnay made from 30 plus-year-old vines in the Côtes du Jura. A swirl releases a harmony of elegant apple, floral, lees and bread aromas. The palate escalates in intensity with notes of apple peel, white peach and nectarine offset by the essence of nutmeg, cinnamon and clove. The judicious oak influence was achieved by maturing half of the wine in stainless steel and half in barrel (20% new) for one year. Generous complexity and a notably long length set this wine apart. 2023-2026 –LW

		12.5%
	Apple, floral, lees, bread	
	Apple, white peach, nectarine, spice [1.50]	



3944

DOMAINE DURAND PERRON TRADITION, AOP CÔTES DU JURA NV



Savagnin, Chardonnay

750ml

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3945

DOMAINE DURAND PERRON VIN DE PAILLE, AOP CÔTES DU JURA, 2017



Chardonnay, Savagnin, Poulsard, Trousseau

375ml

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The "Tradition" wines of the Jura are blends of local grape varieties. Domaine Durand Perron's example is a mouth-watering blend of Savagnin (50%) and Chardonnay (50%). The wine is non-vintage as the "sous voile" Savagnin was harvested earlier than the Chardonnay. The Savagnin grape (not to be confused with Sauvignon Blanc) is known for its lemony perfume, minerality and racy acidity. It is an excellent vector of terroir which provides a distinct sense of place. This wine is an ideal introduction into the wines of the Jura with a delicate bouquet of apple peel, hazelnut, and dough. The palate is perfectly balanced, with flavours of apple peel and Meyer lemon trailing into a long, honeyed finish. 2023-2029 –LW

The Vin de Paille designation represents a fraction of the Jura's production. This remarkable example is made from a blend of Chardonnay, Savagnin and Poulsard by a process called "passerillage" where the grapes are air dried for a minimum of six weeks prior to fermentation. This concentrates the wine's flavours and sugars resulting in a sumptuous dessert-style wine. These meticulously made wines are required to age for a minimum of three years before release, of which 18 months must be in wood. The Domaine Durand Perron Vin de Paille was aged for three years in five-year-old barrels. Mature oak such as this enhances the wine's complexity and mouthfeel versus imparting an oaky flavour. Everything about this wine says luxury, from its intricate profile of almond, hazelnut, caramel and honey to its seemingly endless finish. Superb! 2023 – 2027 –LW

	Apple peel, hazelnut, dough
	Apple peel, Meyer lemon, honey [0.00]

	Almond, hazelnut, caramel, honey
	Almond, hazelnut, caramel, honey [124.30]



Earl Million Rousseau Savoie

Prior to 1860, the Savoie (Sav-wah) wine region was a part of Italy, however; with the signing of the Treaty of Turin, these 1,800 hectares of vines officially became a part of France. Scattered at the foot of the Alps, the vines are often planted at elevation, giving the wines a distinctly fresh character. A total of 23 cultivars are grown in the area including the indigenous white wine varieties of Jacquère and Altesse along with the red wine variety Mondeuse. While a range of wine styles are made in Savoie, the majority of the production is white wine.

The Million Rousseau family are pioneers of Savoie winemaking. The original cellar, located in the Cru of Monthoux, was built in the 1860s. Today, third and fourth generation Michel and Xavier Million Rousseau manage the Domaine and its 10 hectares of vineyards. Encouraging biodiversity in the vineyard and connecting with their customers are an important focus for the family.



3946 ROUSSETTE DE SAVOIE CRU
MONTHOUX AOP SAVOIE, 2021



Altesse

750ml

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The Roussette de Savoie appellation produces white wines from the Altesse variety. Altesse vines represent 10% of Savoie plantings, with the top wines being produced in the Cru of Monthoux. The 2021 Earl Million Rousseau Roussette de Savoie Cru Monthoux is a pretty wine with delicate aromas of ripe peach, orange blossom, citrus and almond. The peach and apricot flavours of the palate harmonize with hints of orange blossom and minerality. The finish lingers with an appealing touch of sweetness. Less than 20 barrels produced. 2023-2024 -LW



VEGAN



13%



Ripe peach, orange blossom, citrus, almond



Peach, apricot, orange blossom, mineral,
[5.70]

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JONGIEUX JACQUÈRE, AOP SAVOIE, 2021







Jacquère

750ml

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Jacquère is the most planted vine in Savoie covering half of the region's vineyards. The highest quality wine is made from the 8-hectare cru of Jongieux. The 2021 Earl Million Rousseau Jacquère Cru Jongieux is a light-bodied wine with a dramatic bouquet of lime, lemon, melon, grass and herb. A note of ripe honeydew melon takes center stage on the palate where the impressions of citrus blossom and fresh herb support. Try as an alternative to New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc paired with pan-seared Tilapia and steamed asparagus. 43 barrels produced. 2023-2024 -LW

	 11.5%
	Lime, lemon, melon, grass, herb
	Honeydew melon, citrus blossom, herb, [5.70]

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MONDEUSE, AOP SAVOIE, 2021







Mondeuse

750ml

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Mondeuse represents 12% of the plantings in Savoie. If you have not yet had the chance to try this variety, Earl Million Rousseau provides the ideal opportunity. This fragrant, fruit-forward wine is made from 35-year-old vines. With lesser-known varieties such as this, I often try to mention similar wines as a point of reference. However, in this case this wine is so unique I don't think it could easily be compared. Its expressive bouquet is reminiscent of cherry, rose, vanilla and red velvet cake. The vivid red fruit and floral notes carry through on the well-polished palate, culminating in a satisfying finish. Only 22 barrels produced. 2023-2026 -LW

	 12%
	Cherry, rose, vanilla, red velvet cake
	Rose, lavender, cherry

