

# 2022 Montpalais 1er Cru Rully Blanc

## Domaine des Chauchoux, Rully, Burgundy, France

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### The Wine:

100% Chardonnay from the Premier Cru Montpalais vineyard in the town of Rully. The vines average 45-50 years old and are planted on a mix of clay and limestone soils with a Southeast exposure. After handpicking and hand sorting of the grapes the wine is fermented in 25% new French oak barrels and aged for 10 months. The 2022 vintage for white Burgundy was excellent, despite the searing heat and dry conditions throughout the Summer. Ripe fruit and intense concentration of flavors are supported by firm acids. Less than 200 cases were made in 2022.

### The Estate:

Domaine des Chauchoux is the new Domaine owned by Christian Belleville, former owner of Chateau Saint Michel. His family vineyards and winemaking traditions go back four generations in Rully with the same vineyards and lands being passed on down through the generations. The winery produces about 10,000 cases per year, split equally between red and white wines. The soils here in Rully are based with clay and limestone with the Pinot Noir plots being grown on clay-based soils while the Chardonnay is grown on the limestone rich soils. Christian Belleville and his children Jean Michel and Amelie do much of the winemaking and vineyard maintenance where they practice sustainable agriculture and ancient Burgundian winemaking techniques.

### Tasting Notes:

**Color:** Gold with green flashes.

**Aromas:** Yellow fruits and apricot aromas enhanced with honey and minerals.

**Flavor & Texture:** Rich and creamy in the mouth with pineapple and honey-soaked citrus fruits.

**Food Pairing:** Grilled white seabass in a basil beurre blanc sauce.

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