

Bourgogne Chitry

APPELLATION D'ORIGINE CONTRÔLÉE

Appellation Régionale of the Auxerrois region (Yonne). The appellation BOURGOGNE CHITRY is restricted to white, red and rosé wines grown within the defined area of the commune of Chitry. Producing commune: Chitry (Yonne).

On the label, the word CHITRY must follow the word BOURGOGNE.

TASTING NOTES

The **white** (*Chardonnay*) Bourgogne Chitry has a rich golden colour, sometimes with greenish highlights. Its bouquet brings together flowers (hawthorn, honeysuckle) with fruit (limes, grapefruit) and, quite often, a touch of gunflint. The mouth is balanced and harmonious, and has sufficient acidity to permit several years' aging.

The markedly ruby-hued **reds** (*Pinot Noir*) develop aromas of cherry, raspberry, and gooseberry. On the palate, tannins yield to a smooth, plainly-built but charming fruit.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

White: as a proud representative of the Auxerrois *Chardonnays*, it is a natural choice as a pre-dinner drink and to accompany starters. Its minerality goes with chunky meat *pâtés*, asparagus, crustaceans and fresh water fish, as well as (inevitably!) snails and small tripe sausages of Bourgogne (*andouillettes*).

Serving temperature: 10 to 12°C.

Red: the suppleness and delicacy of its tannic structure makes it a fit companion for vegetable dishes, cold meat *pâtés* or onion tarts. Traditional dishes like simmered beef and vegetables (*pot-au-feu*) or grilled meats find in it a delicious ally.

Serving temperature: 15 to 16°C.





LOCATION

The commune of Chitry-le-Fort has a long history of wine-growing. In 1993 its wines won the right to add the name of the village to the regional Bourgogne *appellation*. It produces whites, reds and sometimes *rosés* as well as a remarkable Bourgogne aligoté. The village, nestling in a hollow surrounded by vine-planted hillsides boasts an astonishing fortified church dating from the 13th century, flanked by a great tower which protected it from pillagers in times of war.

SOILS

The vines grow on the hillsides surrounding and overlooking the village. Their exposure is north-northwest to south-southeast. The rocks are middle and upper Jurassic limestones of the Kimmeridgian series. The clay-limestone soils favour quality wines. Chitry is a close neighbour of Chablis.

COLOUR(S) AND GRAPE VARIETY(IES)

Whites - Chardonnay. Reds and rosés - Pinot Noir.

PRODUCTION

Area under production*:

1 hectare (ha) = 10,000 m² = 24 *ouvrées*. Whites: **46.49 ha.** Reds and *rosés*: **31.31 ha.** Average annual yield**: 1 hectolitre (hl) = 100 litres = 133 bottles. Whites: 1,998 hl. Reds and *rosés*: 1,332 hl.

* In 2018 **5 years average, 2014-2018