

# Mercurey 2018

## Isabelle de Portugal

### CHARDONNAY



#### VINEYARD

East of Mercurey, a plot of a few ares, Climat La Perrière.

#### TERROIR

Limestone clay soil – 40-50% of light brown very hard chalk and limestone.

#### VINES

Average of 30 years old Chardonnay. Organic practicing, systematically disbudding.

#### VINIFICATION

Grapes are chilled down to 12°C, direct crushing, no destemming to facilitate flow. Fermentation in barrel lasting 15 to 30 days.

#### AGEING

Malolactic fermentation in 400 litres local French oak barrels with 30% new.

Racked and bottled end of summer 2019.

#### TASTING

Mercurey white offers lovely balance between charming nose of typical burgundian Chardonnay (fresh brioche and hazelnut) and more refined flavors of its village, hawthorn and meadow flowers.

#### DRINK

2020-2024

#### STORY

Isabelle of Portugal was born in Evora on February 21st, 1397 and married Philip the Good at a later age. She had a strong political influence on her husband and son Charles the Bold.