



## VIRÉ CLESSÉ

### 2020 Quintaine Domaine Émilien Gillet

**Grapes** Chardonnay  
**Colour** White  
**Origin** France, Burgundy  
**District** Mâconnais  
**ABV** 15%

#### Tasting notes

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One of the undiscovered gems of our range, this Viré-Clessé Quintaine is a deep, powerful southern Burgundy. Viré Clessé is a sub-appellation in the northern Mâconnais that broke away from the main Mâcon-Villages designation in 1998 because growers decided that they were better than the rest, which in general they are. This unfurls in the glass with aromas of natural honey, peaches and toasted nuts with a floral perfume of jasmine and a touch of aniseed. Broad, ripe and vivacious, this wine has an undercurrent of purity and elegance that gives balance to its complexity and richness. L&S (Sep 2023)

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Jean Thévenet is a legend in these parts and thankfully still pops up whenever we visit the cellar to taste. However it is Gautier, his son who has been running the domaine now for some time. The handover of knowledge and practices has been complete and the domaine continues to blaze a trail. The wines are fabulous, hand-crafted beauties, with extraordinary texture, complexity and impact. The Thevenet family continue to conjure up magic here in this corner of the Maconnais. From old vines the comes impeccable fruit - some picked quite late in the season - it then undergoes very long slow fermentations that gently bubble on for weeks and it is this controlled approach which brings so much to the wines. These are esoteric but not odd - just fantastically enjoyable drinking that punch well above their weight.