

# BERNIER

## CHARDONNAY

IGP Val de Loire

This Chardonnay is produced by the Couillaud Family at the Château de la Ragotière a few minutes from the Atlantic near the mouth of the Loire River, where the maritime climate is ideal for producing whites that are refreshing and bright. The Couillaud age most of this wine on its lees until bottling to add weight and texture. Saveur magazine wrote about a previous vintage: "This value-priced chardonnay tastes crisp and bright. It comes from the western Loire Valley, an unexpected place for this Burgundy grape variety, and is made in a fresh, unoaked style, nothing like the famed (and costly) Burgundy crus. Though unconventional, it's delicious, with fruit flavors that echo pears and apples, and an enticing hint of minerality beneath the surface."

<b>Grape variety:</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Production region:</b>	Loire Valley
<b>Soil type:</b>	Metamorphic and mica schist, rocky
<b>Density:</b>	6500 plants/ha, Guyot pruning.
<b>Yield:</b>	75 hl/ha
<b>Vinification:</b>	Vibrating sorting table, pressing in pneumatic press. 70% malolactic fermentation. Stainless steel. No Oak.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Bottling:</b>	February
<b>Accompanies:</b>	Aperitif, Grilled lobster, fish with sauce, chicken curry and hard cheeses...
<b>Storage:</b>	2 to 5 years

