

Gantenbein

Highlights from the Press – Gantenbein

WHITE WINES



Gantenbein Chardonnay 2020

[96+] *Wine Advocate*

Bottled in early March this year, the 2020 Chardonnay is pure and fresh on the stony, very intense and concentrated nose. Still very young, fruity and aromatic, the 2020 intermingles lemon and mirabelle aromas with sur lie and vanilla notes. Silky, enormously salty and pure on the palate yet also with body and intensity, this is a rich and tightly structured, not massive but enormously complex and promising Chardonnay that might turn out as one of the finest. Tasted at the domaine in March 2022.. Tasted at the domaine in March 2022. Drink 2024–2040. *June 2022*



Gantenbein Chardonnay 2019

[97] *James Suckling*

Stunningly fresh and delicate nose of lemon zest, pear and hazelnut with a touch of toasted baguette. Extremely elegant and spicy on the medium-to full-bodied palate that is cool and finely nuanced, the intense stony character building dramatically at the incredibly dynamic finish. Drinkable now, but best from 2023. *May 2022*

[96] *Wine Advocate*

The 2019 Chardonnay is pure and intense on the deep, complex, elegant and refreshing mineral nose that is reminiscent of lemon oil and crushed stones. Full-bodied, refined and lush on the palate, this is a very elegant, textural and saline Chardonnay with fine tannins and a long, intense and close-meshed finish. Another highlight of the Gantenbein Chardonnay Saga. Tasted at the domaine in March 2022. Drink 2022–2040. *June 2022*

Gantenbein Chardonnay 2017

[93-94] *Wine Advocate*

The 2017 Chardonnay displays a bright and radiant citrus color and opens with a beautifully reductive, crystalline bouquet of crushed schist. Intense and lush on the palate, this is a tight but fresh, finessed, well-concentrated and very long wine. Tasted as a barrel sample that will be bottled in spring 2019. *February 2019*

Gantenbein Chardonnay 2016

[93] *Wine Advocate*

Bottled in spring this year, Gantenbein's 2016 Chardonnay displays a radiant citrus color and opens with a pure, fresh and mineral nose of white and citrus fruits intermixed with crushed stone notes. This is nothing but exciting in its crystalline expression and finesse! Lush and intense on the palate, this is a concentrated, firm, slightly pithy 2016 that has not yet developed the length and the character of the earlier vintages but with its elegance, finesse and long, piquant finish, this wine goes with bucket full of talents into the future. *February 2019*



Gantenbein Riesling 2020

[96] *Wine Advocate*

Bottled only 10 days before I tasted it at the domaine at the end of March 2022, the 2020 Riesling is fascinating, pure, fresh and bright on the chalky-flinty, utterly mineral nose that reveals beautiful reduction. Round and elegant on the palate, this is an intense yet utterly pure, very long and salty Riesling with perfect ripeness, finesse and mineral tension. The 2020 is a beautiful and highly promising Gantenbein Riesling bottled with three grams per liter of residual sugar. Drink 2023–2050. *June 2022*

Continues

RED WINES



Gantenbein Pinot Noir 2020

[96+] *Wine Advocate*

Bottled in early March, the 2020 Pinot Noir is pure, precise and intense on the more classic, coolish and noble nose that shows a spellbinding purity, intensity and balance. Absolutely marvelous. Full-bodied, round and intense on the palate, this is a generously juicy, ripe yet fine and concentrated, also refreshingly salty and crystalline Pinot with a tight, sustainable structure and an enormously long and intense finish. This is a highlight of the Gantenbein Saga. Tasted at the domaine in March 2022. Drink 2022–2050. *June 2022*



Gantenbein Pinot Noir 2019

[97] *James Suckling*

Hang on to your hat and open your mind for this extraordinary pinot noir that redefines what Swiss wine can be. Deep and extremely subtle nose of red berries and cherries with delicate spice and some flint. Breathtakingly focused, racy and filigree palate that's only just opening up. Extremely long finish that's very mineral, in a cooler way than the great red Burgundies that inspired this masterpiece. *May 2022*

[95] *Wine Advocate*

Offers a fascinating deep, pure, fresh, intense and spicy nose of dark berries and cherries, toast, cloves and crushed stones. This is already an utterly seamlessly textured wine on the nose, which is in fact mirrored on the palate. Full-bodied, supple and in perfect balance, this is a beautifully dense, lush and sweet Pinot of great intensity, finesse and elegance. The tannins are ripe and fresh and perfectly interwoven with the delicate, almost smooth acidity. This is an irresistible, nevertheless seriously structured and sustainable Pinot Noir. *March 2022*

Gantenbein Pinot Noir 2018

[96] *James Suckling*

Very engaging, spicy nose with notes of dried lemon peel, red cherry and just a hint of smoke. However, this barely prepares you for the freshness and vitality of this wine on the palate. The concentration and power sneak up on you at the ripe yet creamy finish, which shows staggering harmony for the very warm vintage. Doesn't want to stop giving! Drink or hold. *May 2022*

Gantenbein Pinot Noir 2017

[93-94] *Wine Advocate*

Tasted as a sample that was assembled the same day I tasted it in November 2018 (and a day before the real assemblage), the 2017 Pinot Noir is very intense and fruity on the nose, still with yeasty notes. The palate is concentrated and lush, very fine and elegant, with great finesse and intensity. This is generous but fresh and structured, with crystalline acidity and minerality. Very promising. *February 2019*

Gantenbein Pinot Noir 2016

[96] *Wine Advocate*

From a coolish vintage, the 2016 Pinot Noir is enormously pure, delicate and fresh on the flinty and stony, almost peppery nose that is more on the red berry side. Silky and fresh but also with tight and refreshingly spicy and cleaning tannins, this is a dry and puristic Pinot that almost tastes like a white wine, but it has the sweet charm of Pinot. With more time in the glass, this Pinot tastes almost like a traditional Barolo as well, with saline chalky notes. Tasted at the domaine in March 2022. Drink 2022–2038. *June 2022*

[94] *Wine Advocate*

The 2016 Pinot Noir is pure, fresh and aromatic on the well-concentrated nose, a great mix of fine red berries and crushed slate. Pure and intense on the palate, this is a concentrated, tight and linear Pinot with great tension on the finish. Very salty and fresh, taut and promising. *February 2019*

[88] *Wine Enthusiast*

This Swiss Pinot Noir is dark cherry red in the glass and has aromas of cherry cola, charcuterie, smoke and black cherry. In the mouth it has full ripe fruit, and a pleasant smoky characteristic found in many Swiss Pinot Noirs. The finish is soft, fruit filled and elegant. *February 2019*