

Domaine Eugene Carrel & Fils

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Above, welcome to Domaine Eugene Carrel & Fils in Jongieux.

At left, Eugene Carrel (standing in the middle) is the founder of the winery, shown here with his son-in-law Sebastien (left) and son Olivier (right).



Below, the picturesque village of Jongieux is at 300 meters of altitude.

The vineyard of Jongieux, below, lies on a plateau at an altitude of up to 450 meters. The plateau was formed by passage of an ancient glacier.



Above left, Lake Bourget, looking south. Jongieux is located on the near side of the mountain on the right, known as the Dent du Chat. The Lake is the largest natural lake in France, and it empties into the Rhone. The Lake and the nearby mountains create Jongieux's uniquely warm micro-climate.

The base of the Marestel vineyard with the village of Jongieux in the background, shown below and at right. Marestel is the only Cru of the Savoie region, due to its exceptional exposition and micro-climate.



Two views of the Marestel vineyard. Note the extremely steep upper slope, which faces southwest. The contour of the slope and its exposition ensure that the late-maturing and low-yielding Altesse grapes regularly ripen to over 13.5% alcohol naturally. The building dates from the 14th century.



Above, harvesters working in the upper part of the Marestel vineyards during the 2007 vintage. The slope here is extremely steep (70%) and the soil is mainly broken limestone.

Below, Altesse grapes for the Roussette de Savoie Marestel cru at harvest time. Note the small size of the berries and bunches, giving the wine its depth and concentration. The soil is composed of broken limestone rocks (scree) and small stones deposited by the glacier. This *terroir* ensures perfect ripening because it drains well and retains heat.



At left, harvesting Mondeuse grapes by hand in early October, 2008. Mondeuse is the native red grape of the Savoie region.



Above, Mondeuse grapes in mid-August. Note the large bunches, which can weigh up to 2 pounds each. One third of the crop was green-harvested just after this picture was taken to ensure full maturity at harvest time.

The Village of Jongieux, home of
Domaine Eugene Carrel & Fils.

