



# Mâcon-Mancey



## APPELLATION D'ORIGINE CONTRÔLÉE

An additional geographical denomination that is part of the *Régionale* Mâcon **appellation** in the Mâconnais. According to the 2005 specifications rules, the name Mâcon-Mancey refers to white, red, and rosé wines grown within a defined area in the villages of **Boyer, La-Chapelle-sous-Brancion, Etrigny, Jugy, Laives, Mancey, Montceaux-Ragny, Nanton, Royer, Sennecey-le-Grand, Vers, and Tournus.**

## TASTING NOTES

The **whites** are a lovely light gold color with hints of silver. They have a very expressive nose with fresh fruit like apricot, apple, quince, along with blossom like mock orange, sometimes with a touch of rose. In the mouth, Mâcon-Mancey whites demonstrate a balanced maturity, accompanied by a rigorous, forthright finish.

In around 1925, Albert Thibaudet, a literary critic from Tournus, noted that the transition between the worlds of Pinot Noir and Gamay occurred in the shadow of the abbatial church of Saint-Philibert. Faithful to this tradition, Mâcon-Mancey **reds** are an intense, deep garnet color, promising good body. At first, the nose is complex, giving way to aromas of chives, peony, and fruit preserved in eau-de-vie. In the mouth, they are fleshy, but with a crispness on the length.

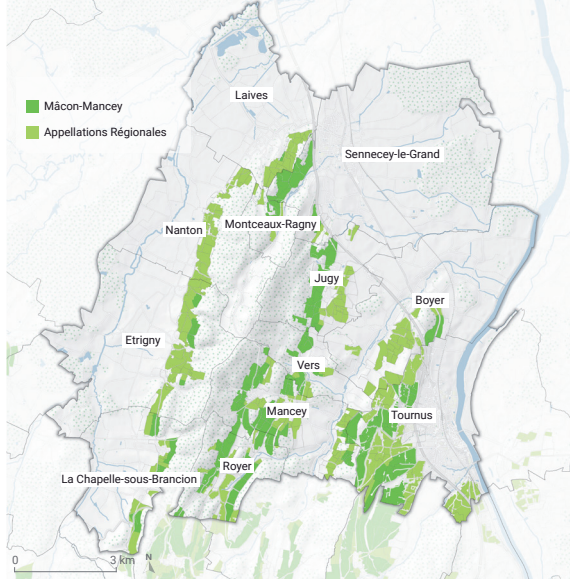
## SERVING SUGGESTIONS

**White:** for a perfect flavor combination given the liveliness of this wine on the tongue, opt for an appetizer like a creamy leek tart or risotto verrine. Then allow its acidulated structure to cut through the parsley butter of razor fish à *la plancha*, baked oysters, or snails with butter and garlic.

Serving temperatures: 10-11°C as an aperitif, 11-12°C with food

**Red:** try serving this red slightly chilled at a chic brunch, with a traditional *mâchon bourguignon* selection of local cold cuts, cheeses, and fruit tarts. Its spicy nose and fleshy structure will perfectly suit a bacon-filled brioche with some salad from the garden. It will also make a great match with a summer-fruit salad of gooseberries, redcurrants, blackcurrants, and raspberries, served with sponge fingers.

Serving temperature: 12-14°C



## LOCATION

Between the hills of the Grosne valley to the west and the more eastern of the Mâconnais hills overlooking the valley of the Saône in Tournus, the vines of Mâcon-Mancey are located to the north, at the edge of the Chalon plain. The land around Tournus has been densely populated since Neolithic times. Its proximity to the Saône, an axis of civilization, and to the Abbey of Saint-Philibert, a place of exchange, were key factors in its agricultural development. This prosperity, mainly related to red wines, was brutally halted in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. After the Beaujolais region, the phylloxera insect then moved into the Mâconnais, attacking vines in Mancey in June 1875. It was this village that organized the fight back and then the reconstruction of the vineyard.

## SOILS

From the valley of the Grison to the west, to the foothills around Tournus to the east, the vines are planted at altitudes varying from 250 to 320 meters above sea level.

To the north of the longest range in the Mâconnais, the vines between Royer and Mancey make up the heart of the appellation. The east- and west-facing slopes offer alternating beds of limestone and clay from the Middle and Upper Jurassic, often rich in iron and ideal for growing the Gamay grape - The Chardonnay grape is mainly found on Kimmeridgean limestone dating back 146 million years, and crinoidal limestone.

## COLOUR(S) AND VARIETY(IES)

**Whites:** Chardonnay  
**Reds and rosés:** Gamay

## PRODUCTION

**Production area:**  
**Whites:** 12 hectares  
**Reds and rosés:** 10 hectares

**Annual harvest:**  
**Whites:** 103,300 bottles  
**Reds and rosés:** 75,500 bottles

*Note: Average over three years 2016-2018*