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WHITE

Olivier Morin, Chardonnay "Constance," Bourgogne Chitry, Burgundy, France, 2019 \$22/gls, \$88/btl



A DJ-turned-winemaker who traded his turntables for a tractor, Olivier Morin is the star of the tiny appellation of Chitry, just southwest of Chablis. His wines from high-elevation, north-facing slopes show an especially angular, mineral-driven side of Burgundy. I will have to tell you why the wine is called "Constance" at a later time.

- **Grapes:** 100% chardonnay
- **Winemaking:** Fermented in stainless steel. Aged in stainless steel on lees for 1 year.
- **Profile:** Zippy, crisp, bone-dry. Green apple and pear, citrus zest, and ultra-chalky minerality—like licking a moist stone.

RED

Piancornello, Sangiovese, Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy, 2019 \$18/gls, \$72/btl



The Pieri family bought the Piancornello estate in 1950 and initially grew fruit to sell locally until 1991, when they began vinifying and selling their own estate wines. An 18th-century farmhouse anchors this organically cultivated winery in the pristine nature of Montalcino in southern Tuscany. South-facing vineyards give their expressions of the renowned sangiovese grape a regal richness.

- **Grapes:** 100% sangiovese
- **Winemaking:** Only 60% of the wine undergoes malolactic fermentation. Aged in large French oak barrels (25% new) for 10 months.
- **Profile:** Robust, powerful, intense. Ripe plums and black cherries, cloves, tobacco, and rose petals. Firm tannins and mouthwatering acidity give it backbone.