

# THORMAN HUNT

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## Domaine Alain Gras, Saint-Romain

### Saint-Romain Blanc



#### Grower

Alain Gras has long been acknowledged as the pre-eminent vigneron in Saint-Romain – a village of wonderfully sited vineyards and a greater proportion of limestone than any other commune in Burgundy. It has also benefited greatly from recent climate change – meaning that previously overly cool sites, due to their high altitude, are now routinely achieving full ripeness and physiological maturity. His stunningly situated domaine comprises 12 hectares of Saint-Romain (8ha planted to Chardonnay and 4ha to Pinot Noir).

#### Vineyards

The soil is clay-limestone with vines an average of 40 years old. The vines are treated with lutte raisonnée. Green harvesting is undertaken and all grapes are hand picked.

#### Vinification

20% to 30% of the grapes are destemmed before pressing. A pneumatic press is used as is temperature control. Alcoholic and malolactic fermentation takes place in barrels. The wine is then aged in barrels (including 20% new barrels) and in vats. The wine is then bottled after 12 months of ageing.

#### Style

Aromas of hazelnuts, toasted bread and vanilla. Expressive on the palate with fullness, this is a mineral wine with an delicate wood notes and an excellent length.

#### Grape varieties:

100% Chardonnay

**Bottling options:** 75cl

**ABV:** 13%

**Closure:** Cork

