

Wine Pick

Bouchard Macon-Villages Chardonnay

The 2010 Bouchard Aine & Fils Macon-Villages Chardonnay (France, \$13) shows why its French whites are still viable – and a good value. Macon is the southern part of Burgundy, but the chards here sell for a fraction of the price of prized white Burgundy. Macon-Villages AC whites – a cut above Macon or Macon Superieur AC wines – are fresh, not oaky. The Bouchard offers sweet apple and floral aromas. The flavors of apple and pear are crisp, mixed with a little mineral and spice, ending with a refreshing finish. It's not a complicated wine, but it's tasty and well-made, a good match for seafood or goat cheese. Available at Wine Merchants Gourmet.

– Michael Hastings

