Chablis 'Vieilles Vignes' Dom. Alain Gautheron 2020



Region

Only 100 miles south of Paris, Chablis represents the northern limit of Burgundy's wine regions, centred around the town of Auxerre. The soils are predominantly limestone and chalk, perfect for the Chardonnay grape, the only variety allowed in Chablis. Careful siting of south facing vineyards enables the vignerons to produce classic, dry, and steely wines. The most complex of these are produced from the seven Grand Cru vineyards which are all located on the northern slopes that overlook the town of Chablis itself. The Premier Cru vineyards are scattered around Chablis on the slopes of the valleys and here produce excellent quality wines with a little less intensity.

Producer

Domaine Gautheron is situated in the village of Fleys, to the east of the town of Chablis and overlooked by the steep slopes of les Fourneaux. This estate of only 25 hectares has been in the Gautheron family for seven generations. The Domaine has an excellent reputation of making traditional Chablis with expressive fresh steely flavours from Chardonnay. They use protective techniques avoiding wood to preserve the fresh steely flavours and allow the expression of the chalky vineyard soils to come through. Producing a range of wines including Petit Chablis, Chablis and Chablis 1er Crus that extend over more than 25 Ha. Domaine Gautheron are sustainable producers, showing respect for vines and the terroir.

Tasting Notes

This is a very traditional Chablis made from old vines, fermented and matured in stainless steel vats to preserve the fresh steely flavours. It has fresh, floral aromas with notes of citrus and green apples. Well balanced, with a silky mouthfeel and a fresh acidity and a long and lingering finish.

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Food

Seafood, crayfish, white meat and vegetable terrines.

Technical Information

Country	France	Dry/Sweet Style	Bone dry	
Region	Chablis	Alcohol Content	12.5%	
Grape(s)	Chardonnay (100%)	Closure Style	Cork	
Туре	White	Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Style	Mineral	Allergens	Milk:	No
Oaked Style	Unoaked		Egg:	No
Body Style	Medium bodied	Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: Vegan:	Yes Yes
Sustainable	Yes-sustainable practices	1		
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