



DOMAINE MOREAU-NAUDET

CHABLIS 1ER CRU "FORÊTS" 2014



Northernmost vineyard of Burgundy, only 30 miles south of Champagne, Chablis owes its name to a peaceful village settled along the *Serein* river and surrounded by hillsides planted with exclusively Chardonnay grapes since more than a thousand year. The old ocean that was covering the area some millions years ago left behind this fascinating Terroir known as Kimeridgian limestone rich in oyster shelves, ammonites and fossils offering this inimitable minerality. Due to a cool climate and a low or no use of oak Chablis offers one the purest expression of Chardonnay grape in France.

In 23 years, until he suddenly died in august 2016, Stéphane Moreau with the help of his wife Virginie, put this small family estate on top of the hierarchy of Chablis. Through the fascinating personality of his wines, he became the rightful heir of the two iconic figures of Chablis, Dauvissat and Raveneau. Intuitive and sensitive, gifted with a true sense of observation and attention to details, Stéphane have been able to bring a vibrant life in his wines. This vintage 2014 is the last that Stéphane bottled and is the greatest testimony of Stéphane's talent.

It also honor the legacy that Virgine courageously keep alive.

SOIL TYPE

On a hillside of Clay and Kimmeridgean Limestone, the highest concentration of Kimeridgian of the 1er Cru.

South-West orientation. 4.5 acres single block.

VARIETAL

100 % Chardonnay / 45 years old vines

CULTURE

Ploughing of the soil under the row. No herbicides. No pesticides. Only organic fertilizer. Manual harvesting. Manual sorting on a sorting table.

VINIFICATION

Slow pressing in a pneumatic press. Long "Debourbage" (clarification) of 10 hours in order to avoid any fining or filtration. Aged 24 months 1/3 in 1 year-old 600 liters French oak barrels and in 400 liters 1 year-old French oak barrels, and 2/3 in thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks. Light toast.

TASTING NOTES

Admirable purity and depth. This wine display subtle floral notes combined with lime, baked apple and blood orange. The vibrant minerality expresses itself through salinity and hints of white pepper at the finish.

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Chablis 2016

Chablis 1er cru "Vaillons" 2015

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