



DOMAINE FEUILLEBOIS & FILS

CHABLIS 1ER CRU "VAILLONS" 2022



Northernmost vineyard of Burgundy, 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 Kimmeridgian limestone, rich in oyster shelves, ammonites and fossils. Due to a cool climate and a low or no use of oak, Chablis offers the purest expression of Chardonnay in France with an inimitable minerality.

4th generation of the Feuillebois family, name that would translate as "Leafwoods", brothers Damien & Sylvain took over the 10ha estate of their dad Claude. They are lucky to own plots in some of the most prestigious Climats of the Chablisien such as the 1er Montmains, Vaillons, but also the Grand Cru Les Clos. We've been introduced to them by Virginie Moreau at Domaine Moreau-Naudet who kindly help them to find their style providing her mentoring advice.

Largest flag-bearing Climats in the Chablis Premier Cru Appellation with eight climats under its banner that includes the 1er Cru S cher were this wine originates, Vaillons is located on the left bank of the Serein River. Benefiting from an ideal east and southeast exposition it benefits from the morning sunlight and natural ventilation. Its shallow soil let the grapes ripen quickly. The subsoil displays a high concentration of Kimmeridgian limestone with some very compact slabs in some places.

SOIL TYPE _____

Thin, clayey surface on top of the famous Kimmeridgian marls moderate the cooler nature of the site. East/South-east orientation.

VARIETAL _____

100 % Chardonnay / 60 years old vines

CULTURE _____

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

VINIFICATION _____

Slow pressing in a pneumatic press. Long "Debourage" (clarification) at cold temperature. Aged 10 months in new French oak (20%) and stainless-steel vats.

TASTING NOTES _____

It has an elegant floral and well-defined bouquet of yellow fruit on the nose. The very expressive palate is showing nice textural character with aromas of orchard fruit and green apple. The finish displays a fine bed of acidity with the characteristic Kimmeridgian salinity.

From the same Winery :

- Chablis 2022*
- Chablis 1er cru "Montmains" 2022*
- Chablis Grand Cru "Les Clos" 2022*

