



DOMAINE FEUILLEBOIS & FILS

CHABLIS 2021



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. Due to a cool climate and a low or no use of oak, Chablis offers one the purest expression of Chardonnay grape 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 suchs as the 1er Montmains, Vaillons, but also the Grand Cru Les Clos. The exceptional, though small due to frost, 2020 vintage mark the beginning of a new era for the estate. Indeed they decided to move away from the overly dominant Négocce, to bottle the wines under their own name. Their mentor, and friendly winemaking adviser, Virginie Moreau, from Domaine Moreau-Naudet, introduced us earlier this year and we were blown away by the quality of their first "signature" vintage.

SOIL TYPE _____

Clay and Kimmeridgean Limestone. Very stony topsoil.

VARIETAL _____

100 % Chardonnay / 43 years old vines

CULTURE _____

Ploughing of the soil under the row. No herbicides. No pesticides. Only organic fertilizer.

VINIFICATION _____

Long and slow pressing in a pneumatic press. Fermentation in stainless steel vats. Aged 10 months on the fine lees in stainless steel vat. Light filtration before bottling. Partial malolactic fermentation.

TASTING NOTES _____

The palate is well balanced with plenty of energy and saline notes in the mouth. The mid pallet display a nice texture reminiscent of stone fruit as peach or apricot. The finish is displaying an attractive sour lemon freshness as well as enticing peppery notes. The stony identity of the plot is bringing a final touch of minerality.

From the same Winery :
Chablis 1er "Montmains" 2021

