



DOMAINE DE LA

Meulière

CHABLIS

Located in the small village of Fleys about 4k from Chablis, Domaine de la Meulière is owned by the Laroche family. The Laroche family has been making wine on this property for four generations—since the end of the 19th century. The current generation that includes Vincent and his brother Nicolas produces a range of Chablis (100% Chardonnay) from Petit to 1er Cru, all dry, pale white wines as lively and powerful upon release as they are ageworthy.

Tending to vineyards and cellar with utmost of care, the Laroche family is loyal to family traditions as well as ancient methods long-used in Chablis—at the same time, the brothers are not too shy to adopt new, proven techniques that deliver superior quality. Grapes are harvested manually, carefully hand-selected; alcoholic fermentation is controlled at reduced temperatures 65°F, followed by malolactic.

With a moderated viticultural policy that employs natural control mechanisms to reduce yields, the Laroche family has greatly honed an integrally natural vinicultural philosophy that brings greater environmental protections, results in healthier plants that yield better fruit, and ultimately improves what we should expect to be a healthful impact of wine on consumers. Here ploughing usurps the modern enthusiasm for persistent weedkillers, organic fertilization is based on leaf analysis (as the principle organs of photosynthesis and transpiration), and soil analysis informs balance and the control goals for vine nutrition.

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Crisp and lively in youth but gains in weight for 2–3 years; as deep and elegant as it is remarkably underpriced; exemplary Chardonnay from the finest non-Cru terroir available in one of Burgundy's most celebrated and timeless white wine appellations.

Domaine de la Meulière CHABLIS 1^{ER} CRU "Vaucoupin"

Enjoying evenly mixed soils of limestone and clay and a generous south-southwestern exposure that ensures ripening, this extremely steep 1er Cru vineyard on the right bank of the Serein river yields bright, mineral, quite powerful Chablis with early finesse.

2014: Flowers and citrus scents introduce a palate of firm but rich fruit; gains in weight and richness over the first 3-5 years in bottle, ultimately softening on palate and increasing in perfume, a concentrated incarnation of the thrilling character for which this 1er Cru vineyard has been long and rightly celebrated.



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