



# DOMAINE MOREAU-NAUDET PETIT-CHABLIS 2018



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.

Over the course of the last 25 years Virginie Moreau, alongside her husband Stéphane, put this small family estate on top of the hierarchy of Chablis. Through the fascinating personality of their wines, they became the rightful heir of the two iconic figures of Chablis, Dauvissat and Raveneau.

The difference between Chablis and Petit Chablis appellations lies on the soil structure. When Chablis, 1er Crus and Grand Crus sit on Kimmeridgian limestone, Petit Chablis is produced from vineyards planted in Portlandian Limestone. The difference between the two soil types is rather subtle, Portlandian is slightly younger limestone, harder and more brittle, and it does not have fossils in it. Chardonnay stays therefore genuine and loyal to the variety's appealing characteristics.

SOIL TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

Clay and Portlandian Limestone. Single 6 acres South-West oriented parcel.

VARIETAL \_\_\_\_\_

100 % Chardonnay / 15 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Long and slow pressing in a pneumatic press. Fermentation with natural yeasts in stainless steel vats. Long settling at cold temperature for up to 10 hours in order to avoid any useless fining or filtration. Aged 14 months in stainless steel vat. Partial malolactic fermentation.

TASTING NOTES \_\_\_\_\_

"The 2018 Petit Chablis is a rich, beautifully layered wine. Apricot, lemon confit, spice and vanillin give the 2018 striking flavor complexity. Supple and polished with lovely textural balance, the 2018 has a lot going for it. Here, too, readers can expect a fairly overt style."

**Antonio Galloni, Vinous (88-90)pts**

From the same Winery :

*Chablis 2018*

*Chablis 1er cru "Vaillons", "Forêts", "Montmains" & "Montée de Tonnerre" 2018*

*Chablis Grand Cru "Valmur" 2018*

