



DOMAINE MOREAU-NAUDET CHABLIS 1ER CRU "VAILLONS" 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 sudden death of Stéphane in 2016 left Virginie, and their longtime winemaker Corrine, to hold the rein of the estate. After the difficult 2016 vintage with the frost that gave them a very small crop, 2017 was the consecration and 2018 the confirmation, with national praise by the highly respected Revue des Vins de France. They appointed them as the best achievement of the vintage and awarded them the second star, the equivalent of the Michelin stars for the Wineries in France.

SOIL TYPE _____

A very stony calcareous single block of 4 acres on the lieu-dit "Sécher". Very steep south-west oriented hillside on the left bank of the Serein River.

VARIETAL _____

100 % Chardonnay / 50 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" of 10 hours in order to avoid any useless 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 _____

Slight smoky notes, elegant aromas of white flower, typical of this Cru, nicely combined with hints of beeswax and honey. The sensation of power while staying refine is intense. The minerality once again display itself in a stunning salinity and an incredible length.

Antonio Galloni, Vinous (90-93)pts

From the same Winery :

- Petit Chablis 2018 & Chablis 2018*
- Chablis 1er cru "Forêts", "Montmains" & "Montée de Tonnerre" 2018*
- Chablis Grand Cru "Valmur" 2018*

