

Domaine Vrignaud,
Chablis 1er Cru Fourchaume `Les Vaupulans` 2022
Chablis, Burgundy, France



Grape Varieties	100% Chardonnay
Winemaker	Guillaume Vrignaud
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13%
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Certified Organic

PRODUCER

Guillaume joined the family domaine in 1999, when his father was a member of the co-op in Chablis, and convinced him to build a cellar and start making his own wines. The results were so successful that the domaine has since grown from 12 hectares of vines to 28 hectares today, all of which are organically farmed. To express the character of the vineyards in the finished wines, he is very attentive to picking time. "I pick when the seeds in the grape are brown, but before any over-ripeness or botrytis has set in," he explains. "I like my Chablis to be lean rather than fat and full."

VINEYARDS

The Fourchaume 1er Cru 'Les Vaupulans' is a small parcel selection which winemaker Guillaume Vrignaud has identified as his best plot within his vineyard holdings in the Fourchaume Premier Cru appellation. The vines are on average 30 years-old and planted on Kimmeridgian limestone and all farmed organically.

VINTAGE

2022 was a vintage that brought smiles back to Chablis winemakers and yields were around double those of the challenging 2021 vintage. After a milder and drier than normal winter, some spring frosts hit in March, fortunately damage was limited as buds had not yet burst in the vineyards. An exceptionally warm spring boosted growth with full flowering completed by the end of May. There was very little rainfall during the summer and disease pressure was low throughout the growing season. Some well-timed showers in August gave the vines a necessary boost to complete the final stages of ripening. The harvest took place in early September and the grapes harvested were of excellent quality. The wines produced have excellent balance and expressive fruit character.

VINIFICATION

Only indigenous yeasts were used for fermentation which lasted 15 days. The wine was aged for 12 months on fine lees, 70% in vats and 30% new in oak barrels before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This wine shows intensely concentrated fruit with a hint of spice and notes of golden apple and toasted brioche. The palate is textured and lifted by fresh acidity, culminating in a long, saline finish.