

Domaine Laroche,
**Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots `Réserve de l'Obédience`
2022**
Chablis, Burgundy, France



Grape Varieties	100% Chardonnay
Winemaker	Romain Chevrolat
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	12.5%
Bottle Sizes	75cl

PRODUCER

Domaine Laroche is deeply rooted in the history of Chablis, based in the 'Obédiencerie', a former monastery in Chablis itself, where wine has been made for over 1,000 years. The quality of the wines is consistently impeccable, with the Chablis hallmark of crystalline purity and racy acidity. Their ownership of vineyards is remarkable and sets them apart from their main competitors. Chablis is a fragmented region, yet Domaine Laroche owns 90 hectares of vines, including 21 hectares of Premier Cru and six hectares of Grand Cru vineyards. Despite their impressive heritage, a dynamism that is unusual in such a venerable producer permeates everything Laroche does.

VINEYARDS

The 'Blanchots' Grand Cru is named after Domaine Laroche's ancient monastery in the heart of Chablis, where the wine is cellar. The domaine owns 4.5 hectares of vines in this 12-hectare vineyard, which is famed for its ability to produce fragrant wines with understated elegance. The steep, south-southeast facing slope ensures optimal sun exposure.

VINTAGE

2022 was a generous vintage, with yields nearly double that of 2021. Early April frosts were followed by a hot, dry summer with intermittent August rainfall that ensured excellent vine development. Careful canopy management was key to mitigating the effects of water stress. Harvest started earlier than usual, from the end of August through to early September, to help preserve the grapes' acidity. The resulting wines are deeply flavoured and vibrant, with exceptional ageing potential.

VINIFICATION

This is a wine that is only produced in the best vintages. The grapes were hand-harvested and meticulously sorted before pressing in a pneumatic press. After fermentation, the wine was aged for six months in oak barrels of varying sizes. 70-barrel samples are then tasted and assessed according to concentration, richness and potential for longevity, with only the finest examples being used in the blend.

TASTING NOTES

Deep lemon in colour, the nose is defined by intense notes of marmalade, dried jasmine and toasted brioche notes. The palate is rich, with a subtly creamy texture complemented by vibrant acidity and a touch of flinty minerality.