



# Domaine Laroche

## CHABLIS

À L'OBÉDIENCERIE

### 2023 CHABLIS PREMIER CRU 'LES VAILLONS' VIEILLES VIGNES



#### WINERY

Founded in 1850, Domaine Laroche is one of the largest owners of Premier and Grand Cru vineyards in Chablis and has led movements to raise the quality of the appellation with the creation of a charter of excellence for the Grand Cru producers. Today, Domaine Laroche still produces and ages its Premiers and Grands Crus in the historical cellars of its headquarters, the Obédiencerie.

#### WINE

Les Vaillons is one of the most well-regarded Premier Cru vineyards in the Chablis appellation of Burgundy, France. It's located on the left bank of the Serein River, just south of the town of Chablis, in an area known for producing wines that balance finesse with expressive minerality.

#### VINEYARDS

Domaine Laroche owns 2.17ha of this Premier Cru (105 ha in total). South-Eastern exposure is perfect for great maturities. Limestone marls and Kimmeridgian limestone soils are paramount in this Premier Cru. Old vines (65 years-old) are deeply rooted and extract many available minerals.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

A generous, high-quality 2023 vintage! The team protected vines through winter and spring against climate challenges. Late August heat accelerated ripening, requiring careful plot-by-plot harvest timing between September 7-21st to maintain Chablis' characteristic freshness and minerality. The initial juices showed rich, balanced profiles. After optimal fermentation and months of lees aging, the vintage shows potential comparable to 2020, with yields returning to satisfactory historical levels.

#### WINEMAKING

Hand harvesting and sorting at the winery. Gentle pressing at low-pressure to extract press core only. Alcoholic and malolactic fermentation in 90% French oak barrels and 10% in stainless steel. 12 months aging on fine lees in the historical cellars from the IXth century at Obédiencerie.

#### TASTING NOTES

Full-bodied and deep, the wine is rich and complex, displaying a solar profile with hints of saffron and spice, all balanced by a beautiful freshness and tension.

#### VINEYARD

Region:	Bourgogne
Appellation:	Chablis Premier Cru AOP
Climat:	Les Vaillons
Bank:	Left
Plot:	2.17 ha
Soil:	Kimmeridgian limestone with chalky clay
Age/Exposure:	65 years / East, South
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable
Certifications:	Vegan

#### WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Chardonnay
Aging:	12 months in 90% French oak barrels, 10% stainless steel

#### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	12.5%
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