

DOMAINE GUY ROBIN

'We have been singing the praises of Guy Robin for almost too many vintages to count now, and for good reason. No other estate in this famous white wine region has the same combination of very old vines, large swaths of top Premier and Grand Cru parcels, and a visionary talent at the helm, Marie-Ange Robin. Throw in the wide use of mostly neutral barrels, instead of stainless steel, and these wines become textural revelations that have only a couple of peers'

'From a value-for-dollar perspective, Domaine Guy Robin has risen to the top of the heap in Chablis. Marie-Ange Robin's heirloom vineyards are priceless assets, yet the profound wines they produce remain startlingly affordable.'

-Master Sommelier Ian Cauble

Year Founded: 1845

Region: Chablis, France

Founder: Guy Robin

Winemaker: Marie-Ange Robin

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In the early 2000s, Marie-Ange Robin had a choice. Stay in Paris and pursue a successful career as a fine art dealer, or return home to Chablis and take the reins of the family winery. Her decision would not only change her family's fortunes but also preserve a critical piece of Chablis history. Domaine Guy Robin et Fils today is a winery reborn. Marie-Ange represents the fourth generation of vine growers in the family. It was her father Guy who slowly, parcel by parcel, built up the family estate; yet it is Marie-Ange who has brought this winery to a level of greatness for which it was always destined. Marie-Ange remembers her parents planting the family's vines in the late 1950s and 1960s, at a time when other defeated Chablis growers were leaving the village in droves, exhausted by the hard work (and repeated destructive frosts) of this northern wine region. But Marie-Ange's parents persevered. Because of her family's efforts, Domaine Robin today claims the most premier and grand cru vineyard land (second only to neighboring William Fevre) – not to mention some of the oldest Chardonnay vines – in Chablis. And as a result, Robin Chablis across the board has a seductive, textural quality to it; they are unctuous, weighty, serious Chablis wines. In short, there are few other estates that promise old-vine Chablis wines of such character and complexity, for such reasonable prices.



2020/2021 Guy Robin Chablis Vieilles Vignes



100% Chardonnay. A selection of fruit from older-vine vineyards in the heart of Chablis. Plots face premier cru 'Vaillons' and are also located downslope from lieu-dit 'Butteaux' in premier cru 'Montmains'. 40-year-old vines. Hand-harvested. Pressed immediately, with juice held in tank for 24 hours to settle naturally. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Aged also in tank. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Aromas of sauteed lemons, crushed oyster shells, lime zest, grass. Energetic, refined; pure citrus flavors.

2020 Guy Robin Chablis 1er Cru Montee de Tonnerre



"One of the estate's best parcels is in "Montée de Tonnerre" or "Thunder Mountain," and every vintage they produce a powerful, crackling good wine here. Montée de Tonnerre is, in the minds of many experts, an "honorary" Grand Cru, i.e. as close as Premier Crus get to that top tier. Loads of beautiful, orchard-fruit-drenched texture on the mid-palate but the finish sizzles and dominates with crushed chalk, wet stone, and oyster shell. This is the type of crystalline, perfectly structured Chablis that'll make someone a lifetime believer/follower. Enjoy!" -Master Somm, Ian Cauble

100% Chardonnay. Estate vines are located in all three lieu-dits in 'Montée de Tonnerre': Côte de Bréchain, Pied d'Aloup and Chapelot. Soils are called "millefeuille," or many-layered, with white clay and fossilized oyster shells. 40-60-year-old vines. Hand-harvested. Pressed immediately, with juice held in tank for 24 hours to settle naturally. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in French oak barrels (10% new.) Aged just under one year in barrel. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

2020 Guy Robin Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons Vieilles Vignes



100% Chardonnay. Estate vines planted by the family in the 1950s and 1960s in lieu-dits 'Beugnons' and 'Mélinots.' Pure Kimmeridgian soils are called "millefeuille," or many-layered, with white clay and fossilized oyster shells. 50-70-year-old vines. Hand-harvested. Pressed immediately, with juice held in tank for 24 hours to settle naturally. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in French oak barrels (10% new.) Aged just under one year in barrel. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Aromas of crushed shells, incense, lemon zest, white pepper. Silky and broad in the mouth; intense citrus flavors.

"We taste hundreds of Chablis per year, and Guy Robin's 2019 'Vaillons' delivers more opulence, depth, and authenticity than 99% of all producers, thanks to their trove of old heirloom vines and the superior craft of fourth-generation Marie-Ange Robin. I'm just going to come out and say it: Domain Guy Robin's mineral-explosive Premier Cru 'Vaillons' is Chablis perfection, and if a more emphatically classic, outrageously delicious 2019 bottling exists for under \$50, I have yet to find it. Vaillons is an elevated take, a sensational combination of vintage and site that should serve as the region's eternal gold standard. Premier Cru Vaillons is one of Chablis' most venerated sites, and its wines can deliver quality, texture, and longevity right alongside the seven Grand Crus. Now tack on old heirloom vines, native ferments, and 100% barrel aging in a top vintage that brought intense concentration, and the result is a complex Premier Cru. Adding this to your collection, however big or small, means you're a sage practitioner of elite Burgundy consumption." -Master Somm Ian Cauble

2020 Guy Robin Chablis Grand Cru Valmur



100% Chardonnay. Estate vines sit at the forest line, planted by the family in the 1950s and 1960s. Pure Kimmeridgian soils are called “millefeuille,” or manylayered, with white clay and fossilized oyster shells. 50-60-year-old vines. Hand-harvested. Pressed immediately, with juice held in tank for 24 hours to settle naturally. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in French oak barrels (10% new.) Aged just under one year in barrel. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Aromas of lemon zest, spices, chalk dust, lime zest. Refined, vibrant, with a core of ripe white fruit.

2020 Guy Robin Chablis 1er Cru Montmains



100% Chardonnay. Estate vines (50-years-old) are located in lieu-dit 'Butteaux,' the southwest corner of 'Montmains.' Pure Kimmeridgian soils are called “millefeuille,” or many-layered, with white clay and fossilized oyster shells. This vineyard across the river from Chablis' grand cru row is perhaps the most faithful example of premier cru Chablis – mineral and fresh, with penetrating aromas and a full mouthful of sunny citrus fruit.

Hand-harvested. Pressed immediately, with juice held in tank for 24 hours to settle naturally. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in French oak barrels (10% new.) Aged just under one year in barrel. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Aromas of sauteed lemons, crushed shells, incense. Refined, tangy, precise: flavors of grapefruit, orange rind, lemon curd.