

A.F. BOUDIN

DOMAINE DE CHANTEMERLE

'The artisan tradition in Chablis is alive and well at Chantemerle, Francis Boudin's small estate. I have long admired these mostly stripped down wines, especially the flagship 'L'Homme Mort,' for their direct expressions of place.'

-Antonio Galloni

Year Founded: 1960's

Region: Burgundy, Chablis, France

Winemaker: Francis Boudin

Known For: Francis Boudin is one of the remaining members of Chablis' true artisanal ranks: producers who refuse to be seduced by modernity but craft Chablis as naturally and as authentically as possible.

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2021 Chablis 'La Chantemerle'



100% Chardonnay. A blend of several estate-owned vineyards, planted to original rootstock, near the village of La Chapelle Vaupelteigne, due west of premier cru 'Fourchaume.' Hand-harvested. Pressed full cluster and fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled tanks. Aged also in tank (no barrel aging). Bottled unfinned and unfiltered. Aromas of fresh herbs, white blossoms, chalk dust. Refined, pure, lively; flavors of lemons, limes, sea salt. This special selection of pure Chablis is grown on stony soils in the village of Villy. Creamy, lemony fruit and an enlivening citrus backbone make this a favorite every vintage.

2021 Chablis 1er Cru 'Fourchaume'



100% Chardonnay. One of Chablis' top premier cru vineyards, 'Fourchaume' offers an intense vein of minerality underneath a plush coat of white and yellow fruits. On the north side of the river, the premier cru vineyard 'Fourchaume' flanks Chablis' grand cru vineyard row to the north; the estate manages six separate plots within the larger vineyard. Soils are chalky and stony, textbook Chablis terroir. Hand-harvested. Pressed full cluster and fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled tanks. Aged also in tank (no barrel aging). Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.