



TERROIRS DE BOURGOGNE

CHABLIS
PREMIER CRU

APPELLATION D'ORIGINE CONTRÔLÉE

Premier Cru appellation of the Chablis wine-growing district (dept. of Yonne). This appellation comprises 40 Premiers Crus « climats » (named plots of vine-growing land). Each commune or hamlet within the appellation has one or more main « climats », the name of which may be applied to the other Premier Cru « climats » in that commune. There are 17 main « climats ».

Producing communes : **Beines, Chablis, La Chapelle-Vaupelteigne, Chichée, Courgis, Fleys, Fontenay-Près-Chablis, Fyé, Maligny, Milly, Poinchy.**

In this appellation, the words « Premier Cru » and/or the name of the « climat » of origin may be added to the name CHABLIS for wines grown on Premier Cru plots.

TASTING NOTES

White : Pale gold in colour. To the nose, the full extent of its aromatic potential is not instantly apparent. It needs a little airing. This is a wine with good aging potential (5 or sometimes up to 10 years). Each « climat » has its own typicity, depending on soil and exposure. The wines are well-built and long in the mouth. The Premier Cru Chablis wines beguile the palate, whether mineral and tight in their youth or flowery and developing delicate and subtle aromas with age.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

Aromatically, the Premier Cru is highly complex and therefore highly adaptable. Good matches will include cooked oysters and fish in sauce. The more mineral versions of this wine can be served with fine poultry or veal in white sauce. The more open variations are a wonderful accompaniment to small tripe sausages (andouillettes) and the burgundian speciality of snails (escargots). This is a wine with real breeding, and also does justice to the local speciality of ham in Chablis (jambon au Chablis).

Serving temperature : 10 to 11°C.



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LOCATION

Located near Auxerre in the department of Yonne, the Chablis vineyards lie along a little river aptly named the Serein (« serene »). The Cistercian monks from the abbey of Pontigny began growing vines here in the 12th century. The AOC Chablis Premier Cru was officially created in January 1938, thus confirming the excellent qualities of this dry white wine which, unlike the wines of some other regions, has held onto its excellent reputation throughout history thanks to the exceptionally high quality of its raw material - the Chardonnay grape.

SOILS

No French wine-growing area has pinned its faith more firmly on the facts of geology. The main substrata is Jurassic limestone (specifically, Kimmeridgian limestone) laid down some 150 million years ago. The rock contains deposits of tiny fossilised oyster shells which remind us that Burgundy once lay beneath a warm ocean. The Premier Cru « climats » lie on either side of the River Serein which runs through the vineyards from south to north, but the most highly thought-of Premiers Crus lie on the right bank, enclosing the Grand Cru terroirs which also lie on that side of the river.

COLOUR(S) AND GRAPE VARIETY(IES)

White wines only - Chardonnay (known locally as « Beaunois »).

PRODUCTION

Area under production* :	Average annual yield** :
1 hectare (ha) = 10,000 m ² = 24 "ouvrées"	1 hectolitre (hl) = 100 litres = 133 bottles
776.08 ha	44,006 hl

* In 2008 ** 5 years average, 2004-2008

PREMIER CRU CLIMATS

The names of **main climats** are printed in **bold**, followed by the names of the subsidiary climats which belong to the commune or hamlet and which may employ the same name as the main climat. In total, they are 89: **Mont de Milieu** (villages de Fyé et de Fleys), Vallée de Chigot (village de Fleys), **Montée de Tonnerre**, Les Chapoteaux, Pied d'Aloup, Sous Pied d'Aloup, Côte de Bréchain (village de Fyé), **Fourchaume** (village de la Chapelle Vaupelteigne), Vaupulient (villages de la Chapelle Vaupelteigne, Poinchy, Fontenay-Près-Chablis), Côte de Fontenay (village de Fontenay-Près-Chablis), Vaurorent (villages de Poinchy, Fontenay-Près-Chablis), L'Homme Mort (commune de Maligny), Vau Pulan (villages de la Chapelle Vaupelteigne, Poinchy, Fontenay-Près-Chablis), Les Vaupulans (village de Poinchy), La Fourchaume (village de Fontenay-Près-Chablis), Dine-Chien (villages de Fontenay-Près-Chablis), La Grande Côte (commune de Maligny), Bois Seguin (commune de Maligny), l'Ardilrier (commune de Maligny), Les Quatre Chemins (village de Poinchy), La Ferme couverte (village de Poinchy), Les Couvertes (villages de Poinchy et Fontenay-Près-Chablis), **Vailions**, Sur les Vailions, Les Grands Chaumes, Les Chatains, Sècher, Les Beugnons, Les Lys, Champlain, Mélinots, Les Minos, Roncières, Les Epinottes (commune de Chichée), **Montmains**, Les Monts Mains, Les Fortils, Butteaux, Les Bouts des Butteaux, Vaux Miotot, Le Millieu des Butteaux, Les Ecuillies, Vougerains (commune de Chablis), **Côte de Léchet**, Le Château (village de Milly), **Beauroy** (village de Poinchy), Troesmes, Côte de Savant (commune de Beines), Sous Boroy, Vallée des Vaux, Benfer (village de Poinchy), Côte de Troesmes, Adroit de Vau Renard, Le Cotat-Château, Frouquelin, Le Verger (commune de Beines), **Vau Lignau**, Vau de Longue, Vau Girault, La Forêt, Sur la Forêt (commune de Beines), **Vau de Vey**, La Grande Chaume, Vaux Ragons, Vignes des Vaux Ragons (commune de Beines), **Vaucoupin**, Adroit de Vaucopins (commune de Chichée), **Vosgrs**, Adroit de Vosgrs, Vaugiraut (commune de Chichée), **Les Fourneaux**, Morein, Côte des Prés Girots, La Côte, Sur la Côte (commune de Fleys), **Côte de Vaubarousse** (village de Fyé), **Berdiot** (village de Fyé), **Chäume de Talvat** (commune de Courgis), **Côte de Jouan** (commune de Courgis), **Les Beauregard**, Hauts des Chambres du Roi, Côte de Cuissy, Les Corvees, Bec d'Oiseau, Vallée de Cuissy (commune de Courgis).

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