

TERROIRS DE BOURGOGNE

A.O.C.
CHABLIS
GRAND CRU

APPELLATION D'ORIGINE CONTRÔLÉE

Grand Cru appellation of the Chablis wine-growing district (dept. of Yonne). The appellation may be followed by the name of one of the following 7 « climats » (named plots) : **Blanchot, Bougros, Les Clos, Grenouilles, Preuses, Valmur, Vaudésir**.

Producing communes : **Chablis** plus the hamlets of **Fyé** and **Poinchy**.

TASTING NOTES

White : Pure green-gold in colour, evolving to a light yellow with age. A wine with fine keeping properties (10-15 years, sometimes more). Intense mineral scents (flint) but with room for lime-flowers, dried fruits, almond and a discreet touch of honey. Field mushroom gives a strongly characteristic touch to this wine. On the palate, acidity and fat are in perfect balance, as are liveliness and dryness. It has all the charm of an inimitable and authentic wine. This is the jewel in the crown of the Chablis range, richly nuanced by variations in « climat ».

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

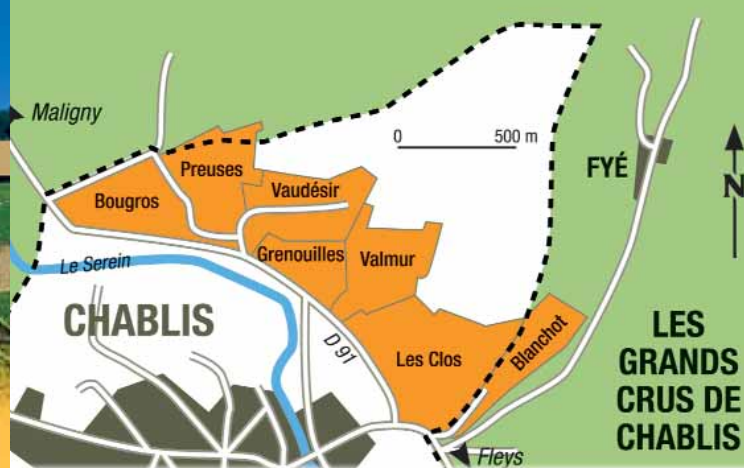
The vivacity of this rich, full-bodied Grand Cru provides a great dry wine to pair with fattened goose liver (foie gras), its pronounced minerality offsetting the bitterness of this noble dish. The subtle complexity of its aromas and its long finish in the mouth mean it is destined to partner lobster, crawfish, (grilled or, more subtly, in a white sauce with or without mushrooms), and prawns. All fine-textured fish in cream sauce prove worthy allies, as do white meats and poultry in cream. Its minerality and liveliness also do a fine job of counterbalancing the saltiness of oysters.

Serving temperature : 12 to 14 °C.



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LOCATION

The wines of the Chablis district - Petit Chablis, Chablis, Chablis Premier Cru and Chablis Grand Cru - form a qualitative pyramid of which the Grand Cru appellation, recognised since 13 January 1938, forms the apex.

Chablis Grand Cru comes from vineyards in the commune of Chablis to the north-east of the town and facing the sun at altitudes of 100-250 metres along the right bank of the little River Serein which waters the district. The Grand Cru climats form a continuous band along the upper part of the valley from Bougros in the north-west, through Preuses, Vaudésir, Grenouilles, Valmur and Les Clos to Blanchot in the south-east.

The appellation CHABLIS GRAND CRU is a single entity but divided between 7 « climats », the names of which may appear on the labels. Les Clos may be the original kernel of the Chablis vineyards, first exploited by the Cistercians of Pontigny.

SOILS

Here vines grow on Marls and Kimmeridgian limestones containing tiny fossilised oysters (exogyra virgula). These rocks were laid down during the Upper Jurassic, some 150 million years ago. It is one of the few French AOCs to define itself in terms of its geology.

COLOUR(S) AND GRAPE VARIETY(IES)

White wines exclusively - **Chardonnay**.

PRODUCTION

Area in production* :

1 hectare (ha) = 10,000 m² = 24 "ouvrées"

102.92 ha

Blanchot : **12.68 ha**

Bougros : **15.07 ha**

Les Clos : **25.87 ha**

Grenouilles : **9.38 ha**

Les Preuses : **10.81 ha**

Valmur : **10.55 ha**

Vaudésir : **15.43 ha**

Average annual yield**:

1 hectolitre (hl) = 100 litres = 133 bottles

5,344 hl

* In 2008

** 5 years average, 2004-2008

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