



CHABLIS CÔTE DE LÉCHET 1ER CRU 2021

Established in 1923, today La Chablisienne spans 270 winegrowing families and 1,200 hectares of superior vineyard holdings and is known for producing some of the top wines in Chablis. La Chablisienne farms a diverse array of vineyards across the four appellations – Grand Cru, 1er Cru, Chablis and Petit Chablis – so the wines truly represent the essence of each unique location.

Côte de Léchet is an older vineyard sites, originally owned by the Potigny monks who first planted Chardonnay in Chablis in the 12th century. This left bank Cru sits above the village of Milly with steep southeast facing slopes that reach 38% grade in some places. Morning sun exposure allows the grapes from this terroir to ripen slowly and maintain their acidity, which delivers wines with intensity, a fine minerality and bright stone fruit character.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 vintage can be characterized as a heroic effort for a historically low yield (less than 70% of normal). Mild winter weather led to early budding, which resulted in disastrous losses in April due to extreme frosts. Vines recovered in the summer, but wet weather increased mildew pressure and winegrowers put tremendous attention on maintaining healthy berries, engaged in meticulous sorting at harvest and used great technical skill to make wines. The vintage ultimately delivered small quantities of elegant, aromatic wines with hallmark tension owing to the cooler season.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Appellation: Chablis 1er Cru AOC

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Vineyards: Left bank of Serein; southeast exposure; 150-223 meters high

Soil: Kimmeridgian with deposits of fossilized oyster shells that give minerality

Vine Age: 25 years average

Vinification: Primary and malolactic fermentations in stainless steel tanks

Maturation: 16 months on fine lees in 70% stainless-steel tanks and 30% oak barrels (no more than 50% new oak)

Alcohol: 12.5%

Pack: 6/750ML

TASTING NOTES

Initially discreet and complex on the nose with light lemony and subtle spice notes, followed by juicy apricots and peaches on the palate with a long, linear finish.

