

L A R O C H E

DOMAINE LAROCHE CRITICAL ACCLAIM VINTAGE 2009

2009 CHABLIS PREMIER CRU LES VAUDEVEY

92 POINTS: WINE ENTHUSIAST: "A young wine, its fruit only just settling with the fine acidity and intense texture. The potential is all there, from the wood-aged character to the freshest acidity to the rich peach and green plum flavors." *Roger Voss, 12/31/11*

91 POINTS: THE WINE ADVOCATE: "The cooler, later-ripening side of Chablis comes through...Slate, crushed rocks, green apples, melon and white peaches emerge from the glass. Floral notes add lift on the bright finish...one of the more pointed 2009 premier crus here." *Antonio Galloni, 8/12*

90 POINTS: BURGHOUND.COM: "A ripe but still very clearly Chablis nose...leads to delicious, round and nicely concentrated flavors that possess good verve and solid persistence. There is also better acidity than many '09s possess...‘a succulent classic’!" *Allen Meadows, 9/10/12*

2009 CHABLIS PREMIER CRU LES VAILLONS VIEILLES VIGNES

92 POINTS: THE TASTING PANEL: "Pure, bright and juicy with lovely ripe fruit, bright acidity and elegance; lush and ripe with depth and balance; long and complete." *Anthony Dias Blue, 8/12*

90 POINTS: THE WINE ADVOCATE: "The 2009 Chablis Les Vaillons wraps around the palate with succulent pears, apricots, light floral honey and mint layered into the generous, rich finish." *Antonio Galloni, 8/12*

90 POINTS: WINE ENTHUSIAST: "A finely textured wine, with its acidity and apple fruits laced with wood and spice. It is rich, full in the mouth, a wine that has great pure flavors, very clear right to the end." *Roger Voss, 12/31/11*

90 POINTS: STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR: "...nose hints at yellow fruits. Broad and sweet on entry, then spicy and voluminous in the middle, with good calcaire lift to the fleshy citrus and ripe peach flavors. Broad, ripe and stuffed with fruit. Finishes fine-grained and persistent, with noteworthy energy." *Stephen Tanzer, 7-8/11*

2009 CHABLIS GRAND CRU LES BLANCHOTS

93 POINTS: WINE ENTHUSIAST: "Hugely rich wine, retaining its tense textured character while reveling in white fruit ripeness. Concentrated, with the wood acidity and spice mingling with the fruit acidity, this is a wine for long-term aging, powerful yet always very crisp." *Roger Voss, 12/31/11*

92 POINTS: THE WINE ADVOCATE: "Layers of expressive fruit fill out the wine's broad shouldered frame nicely...unusually refined, polished Blanchots...style built on volume rather than minerality...appeal most to readers who like richer Chablis...balance is impeccable." *Antonio Galloni, 8/12*

92 POINTS: STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR: "Tangy soft citrus aromas along with a note of flinty, leesy reduction; a bit youthfully closed today. Tight on the palate but with very good intensity to the slightly saline stone fruit flavors. An iodiney calcaire note and brisk acidity give the finish a penetrating quality...This has turned out very well." *Stephen Tanzer, 7-8/11*

2009 CHABLIS GRAND CRU LES CLOS

94 POINTS, CELLAR SELECTION: WINE ENTHUSIAST: "Intensely perfumed, this supremely ripe wine has kept all the dense structure of the Les Clos vineyard...impressive mix of tight structure, ripe pear and citrus, layered with toast and great juicy acidity." *Roger Voss, December 31, 2011*

91(+?) POINTS: STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR: "Mineral-driven aromas of crushed stone, menthol, lavender and violet. Penetrating, ripe and chewy but drier than the Blanchots Reserve de l'Obédience, hinting at yellow peach and pineapple. Very firmly built and a bit tannic, even abrupt, on the back end..." *Stephen Tanzer, July/August 2011*

90 POINTS: THE WINE ADVOCATE: "Like the Blanchots, the Clos is a wine built mostly on fruit rather than structure or minerality. The 40% French oak is very nicely integrated..." *Antonio Galloni, August 2012*

2009 CHABLIS GRAND CRU RÉSERVE DE L'OBÉDIENCE

95 POINTS, CELLAR SELECTION: WINE ENTHUSIAST: "Very mineral in character...all green fruit. The citrus and grapefruit are intense, and full of ripe acidity. Hints of wood come from behind the fruit to give a wine that is structured and finely textured." *Roger Voss, 12/31/11*

93(+?) POINTS: STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR: "Strong vanillin oak and spices on the nose. Quite silky on entry, then big, spicy and rich in the middle, with a strong acid spine giving shape and lift to the flavors of grapefruit, crushed stone and ginger. Turns quite savory on the back end...powerful acidity. Finishes impressively long, with strong iodiney minerality and terrific lift." *Stephen Tanzer, 7-8/11*

92 POINTS: THE WINE ADVOCATE: "Laroche's flagship...is a selection of the estate's best barrels from Blanchots. It possesses considerable depth and density, with a rich tapestry of fruit that tends towards the tropical end of the spectrum." *Antonio Galloni, 8/12*

91 POINTS: BURGHOUND.COM: "Discreet but not invisible wood frames a solidly complex nose of pear, white flowers and a vague whiff of mineral reduction. There is reasonably good precision to the round, generous and moderately stony flavors...There is good verve to the agreeably dry, clean and relatively persistent finish..." *Allen Meadows, 9/10/12*