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# Domaine Laroche

CHABLIS

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## 2020 CHABLIS PREMIER CRU LES FOURCHAUMES

### ABOUT THE WINERY

The history of Laroche dates to 1850, when Jean Victor Laroche purchased his first parcel of land in Chablis. Since then, Domaine Laroche has led movements to raise the quality of the appellation with the creation of a charter of excellence for the Grand Cru producers. The winery has also maintained a deep-rooted tradition of unique viticultural practices. The winemaking team designate one team member to each plot who is wholly responsible for the management of that vineyard from pruning and health of the soil to the quality and quantity of fruit yields. It is this philosophy that makes the expression of each Domaine Laroche wine individual and unparalleled in quality and style.

### ABOUT THE WINE

The Premier Cru les Fourchaumes at Domaine Laroche is 100% estate fruit from the 2.44Ha the Domaine owns of Premier Cru. Over 70 years old, these vines are used as reference for the massale selection the Domaine has been using for years to replant new plots throughout the appellation. Hand harvested and sorted on arrival at the winery, the whole bunches are pressed (pneumatic) and then the must is let to settle for 12h at around 50°F in large vats. Fermentation takes place then over a 3 weeks. The wine is then transferred partly in oak barrel for further aging.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

- The most prestigious Premier Cru, seated on the east side of the river, like the Grand Cru hill, just north of the town of Chablis
- With South and West exposure and being sheltered from the Northern wind, the wines have a great intensity and depth while keeping that Chablis minerality
- Most of the plots owned by Laroche in the Premier Cru come from the sub-climat called L'Homme Mort, often considered the best part of that Premier Cru Les Fourchaumes

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Varietal Composition:** 100% Chardonnay | **Vine Age:** 70 years

**Aging:** 10 months on fine lees in stainless-steel tanks and 15% oak barrels

**Alcohol:** 12.5%

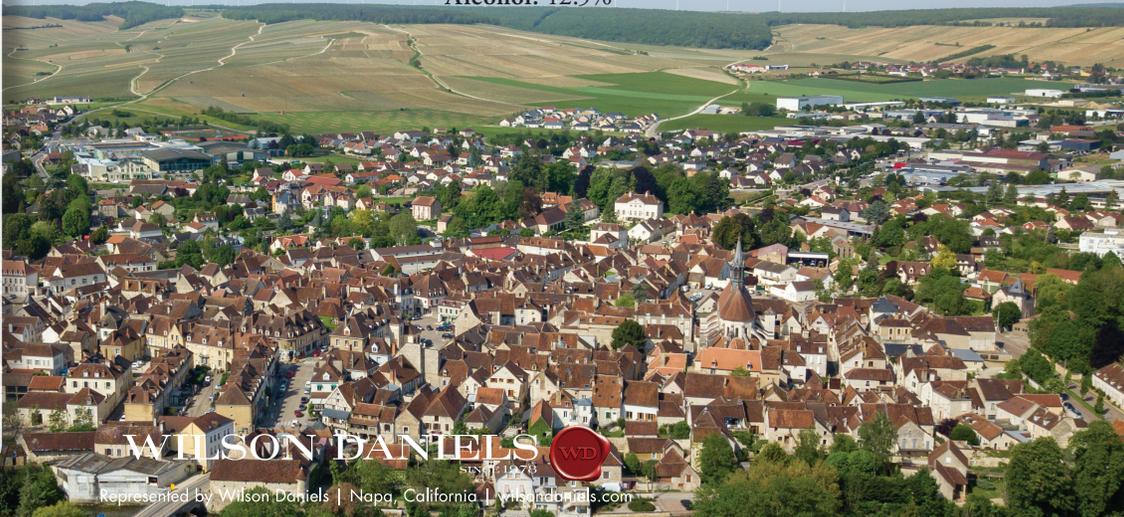


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*"The 2019 Chablis Les Fourchaume Vieilles Vignes 1er Cru, a selection that is raised in two demi-muids, has a glorious, vigorous bouquet of black currant leaf, white peach, Japanese yuzu and crushed rock. The taut, fresh palate is very well balanced with a fine bead of acidity and a saline finish. It needs a bit more persistence, but otherwise this has a lot of potential."*

– Neil Martin - June 2021  
(2019 Vintage)



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