



Domaine Laroche
CHABLIS
À L'OBÉDIENCERIE

DOMAINE LAROCHE
CHABLIS PREMIER CRU
2019 LES FOURCHAUMES VIEILLES VIGNES



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VIEILLES VIGNES:

The most prestigious Premier Cru.
Most of the winery's holdings are in the
Homme Mort part of the climate.

2019 VINTAGE:

The 2019 vintage bore all the extremes: April and May with night frosts followed by three heatwaves at the end of June, end of July and end of August. The vineyard suffered from almost no disease therefore very few treatments were applied. The harvest started gently on September 10. The grapes were perfectly healthy. The first juices were very well balanced which forecasts a vintage similar to 2017.

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARD: Domaine Laroche owns 2.44 ha (6 acres) of this large Premier Cru with 103 ha (254.5 acres). 70 years old vines planted on a slope well-exposed to the South and West, sheltered from Northern winds, Les Fourchaumes is one of the most spectacular vineyards of Domaine Laroche.

VINE AGE AND DENSITY: Up to 70 years old; 5,880 vines per hectare (2,380 vines per acre); massal selection from Laroche old vines for the new plantings.

VITICULTURE: One man, one plot: There are more than 30 people who are dedicated to caring for the 90-plus hectares (222.39 acres) of Domaine Laroche vineyards, with each person responsible for only one plot. This tailor-made approach allows them to manage the vineyards with precision, speed and accuracy.

PRESSING: The grapes are harvested and sorted by hand. Whole bunches are pressed in a pneumatic press, and then the must settles for 12 hours at 10° C to 12° C (50° F to 54° F) in large vats.

FERMENTATION: The must ferments for 3 weeks, a part in stainless steel vats and the other rest in French oak barrels.

MATURATION: 8 months aging in the same vessel types as fermentation. The wine will then be blended and aged further on fine lees for about 9 months.

FILTRATION: Minimal filtration is used to preserve and maximize the natural character of the wine.

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

TASTING NOTES:

A racy, elegant wine with intense minerality; a beautiful structure with delicate notes of white blossom and orchard fruit.