

MAISON PHILIPPE VIALLET

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Story

The Viallet family acquired their first Estate back in 1966 in Apremont, 10kms from Chambéry. Philippe Viallet, the 2nd generation, joined the Estate and created « Maison Philippe Viallet » in 1985. Over the past 30 years, Philippe has acquired several vineyards and it now represents 118 hectares spread across various Savoie appellations. Philippe is also a negociant-éleveur and has contracts all over Savoie with several growers. Savoie consists of many isolated sub-regions and plots of vineyards scattered across four French departments: Savoie, Haute-Savoie, Isère, Ain. Savoie neighbors Switzerland (to the East), the Jura region (to the North) and the little-known Bugey region, which is west across the Rhône river. The Savoie region is the only alpine wine region in France located between mountains and lakes. It offers a great diversity of local grape varieties, and the main productions in the area is white (70%).

Farming philosophy : Sustainable (certified HVE3 since 2020)

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : Jacquère (majority), Chasselas, Chardonnay, Altesse

Plot location :

Les Marches/Chapareillon (Jacquère 15 ha = 37 acres)

Apremont/Cruet (Chardonnay 3ha = 7,4 acres)

Leman (Chasselas 3ha = 7,4 acres)

Cruet/Fréterive (Altesse 1ha = 2,5 acres)

South east facing

Elevation : 300-400m (985-1312 ft)

Soils : Clay-limestone

FARMING PRACTICES

- Training method : Guyot
- No herbicides
- Narrow and trellised plots
- Regular work of the soils

Winemaking

- Mechanical and manual harvest / Destemmed
- Pneumatic press
- Settling by floatation for 4h
- Fermentation : Temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks / 15-21 days at 60-68°F
- No malolactic fermentation
- Aging : 6-12 months in stainless-steel tanks / on fine lees with stirring
- Fined : Yes (Bentonite)
- Filtration : tangential

Tasting notes

Discreet, smoky bouquet with preserve aromas and a bouquet evolving towards honeyed notes. A light and straightforward palate with a saline minerality.



Press ratings

90pts Wine Spectator – 2023 vintage

90pts Wine Spectator – 2020 vintage

Wine Spectator 2021 Top 100 – Ranked #55