

FAMILLE GUEGUEN

CHABLIS GRAND CRU - BOUGROS

Story

The Gueguen family is based in the hamlet of Préhy, just 4 miles South-West of Chablis. Céline and Frédéric both worked for large wine estates in Chablis for 15 years before setting up their own estate in January 2013. All of their viticultural techniques aim at taking care of the environment and preserving the aromatic complexity of their wines. The 36 hectares of vines are located both in the Chablis vineyard, and in the Auxerrois vineyard a few miles from Chablis. They produce mostly wines from Bourgogne and Chablis appellations.

Farming philosophy : Organic (certification 2023 harvest) / HVE 3 certification since 2018.

« Bougros » refers to the neighboring Serein river which forms at the foot of the slope, a narrow passage that was often flooded in the past.

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 100% Chardonnay

Average age of the vines : 45-50 years

South facing

Elevation : 200m (655 ft)

Soils : Kimmeridgian with a layer of Jurassic clay limestone soil

FARMING PRACTICES

- Training method : Double Guyot
- No herbicides
- Working the soil by machine, using grubbers, hoes, tillers and harrows
- Use of organic treatments

Winemaking

- Machine harvested / Destemmed (100%)
- Pneumatic press
- Indigenous yeast
- Alcoholic and malolactic fermentation : Temperature controlled stainless steel tanks / 15-28 days
- Aging : 10 months in barrels and stainless steel tanks / on fine lees
- Fined : Yes (Bentonite)
- Filtration : Yes
- SO2 Total : <100ppm
- Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

Delicate licks of brandy and vanilla lend spice and smoke to rich yellow-plum and peach flavors in this wine. It's profoundly ripe, almost roasted, in fruit profile, but balanced perty by streaks of tangerine acidity and a honed, reverberating finish of steel. Although approachable young compared to most grand cru Chablis, the wine will improve through at least 2030.



Press ratings

90-93 pts – Burghound – 2023 vintage

91-94 pts – Burghound – 2021 vintage

93 pts – Wine Enthusiast – 2020 vintage

95 pts – Wine enthusiast – 2018 vintage