

PREMIER CRU BEAUROY DOMAINE 2021

The steep and rocky slopes stretching to the right and left of the Serein are the cradle of a history over one hundred and fifty million years old. A unique Kimmeridgian terroir, an alternation of marl and marly limestone, endows Chablis wines with a mineral character and immense freshness. A typicity that is envied, often imitated but never equalled. As incomparable and admirable as it may be, a terroir can only fully reveal its potential through the work of people. At Domaine William Fèvre, everything is done, regardless of the level of appellation, to express the authenticity of the Chablis terroirs.

■ VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES

Appellation: AOC Chablis Premier Cru Beauroy, Bourgogne, Chablis, France
One of the main Premier Cru on the left bank, the Beauroy terroir extends over Chablis and several surrounding communes on clay-limestone soils. Very typical of Chablis and with good aging potential, the wines offer great finesse. The appellation covers 37 hectares, including 16 on the Troësmes locality.

Terroir: The soils and subsoils are of clay-limestone nature. The plots cover 1.12 hectares and are part of Troësmes, oriented south/southeast. The place known as Troësmes was one of the first terroirs to produce Premier Crus and is considered the best-oriented for producing Beauroy.

■ VINTAGE SUMMARY

The summer-like temperatures caused an early budbreak during the week of March 29, leaving fragile buds exposed. The black frost nights from April 6 onward burned new buds each day. Between April 3 and April 24, temperatures dropped below zero on 17 nights. Despite the implementation of protective measures (sprinkling, candles, and heating cables), the vineyard was severely affected by the frost and struggled to resume growth. A rise in temperatures in June helped make up for the delay. Mid-June flowering was rapid, and growth was vigorous, although the vines were not very fruitful. Prolonged summer rains, along with the effects of the frost, slowed down the ripening of the grapes. Harvesting began on September 17, a reasonable date compared to previous rather early vintages.

■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

Application of the principle of gravity to avoid any pumping, which could alter the quality of the wine. Short-duration pneumatic pressing (1h30 to 2h00) for a delicate separation between the solid and liquid parts of the grapes. Very light static settling to retain enough fine lees for the alcoholic and malolactic fermentations to occur naturally. The vinifications are carried out in stainless steel vats. Aging lasts 18 months, including 5 to 6 months on fine lees in French oak barrels for 25% of the blend. The aging process finishes in small stainless steel tanks.

■ TASTING NOTES

Fine and subtle bouquet with beautiful mineral and floral notes. A well-balanced palate between richness, nervosity, and vigor.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: Chardonnay 100%

