

FRANCINE BACHELIER

CHABLIS “VIEILLES VIGNES”



Francine Bachelier and her husband, Olivier Savary, own a small, highly-regarded estate in Maligny, which lies at the northern edge of the slope of the Grand Cru Chablis vineyards. Olivier markets his wines as Domaine Savary while Francine makes limited selections in the cellar for the wines of her own label. While they own vines in two Premier Crus, the great “Fourchaume” and the “Vaillons,” the specialty here is top-quality Chablis Village. Among their offerings is the very limited Chablis Village “Vieilles Vignes”, made from 65-year-old vines. A discrete touch of oak adds to the complexity brought by the old vines. The grapes for this

wine are sourced from hillside vineyards near Maligny. The ideal south/ southeast exposure of the old vines brings a depth of fruit and aromas, while the classic clay/limestone soil of Chablis brings structure and firmness to the wine. Dense planting of the old vines lends greater concentration to the wine. The vineyards are rated High Environmental Value (HVE) by the French government for their environmentally friendly practices.

Region:	Burgundy
Appellation:	Chablis
Owner:	Olivier Savary and Francine Bachelier
Established:	1883
Farming Practices:	Sustainable and HVE
Soil:	Limestone and clay
Vineyard:	2 hectares
Varietal:	100% Chardonnay
Avg Age of Vines:	65 years
Yield/Hectare:	50 hl/ha Avg
Production:	14,000 Bottles

Vinification and Élevage: Upon harvesting, grapes are gently pressed and allowed to settle. Fermentation and aging take place in stainless steel. Twenty percent of the wine is then aged in demi-muids for 6 to 8 months, then blended into a final assemblage before bottling.

Tasting Notes: Francine Bachelier Chablis “Vieilles Vignes” offers an array of orchard fruit aromas – peaches, apricots, pears – balanced by the classic minerality brought by the clay/limestone terroir unique to Chablis. The gentle touch of oak lends added depth and complexity and further balances the natural mineral character of the wine.

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