

FRANCINE BACHELIER

CHABLIS "RÉSERVE DU SANGLIER"



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. Bachelier Chablis Village is a traditional, un-oaked Chablis that aptly reflects the classic style of the Chablis appellation and the chalky terroir of Maligny. This means a glass of bright, shimmering green-

gold wine that offers an ethereal fragrance, a mouthful of racy, flinty flavors, and a long, mineral finish. “Reserve du Sanglier” refers to the wild boars that descend from the nearby forests to invade the vineyards, always gorging themselves on the ripest and best grapes, much to the chagrin of the local vignerons.

Region:	Burgundy
Appellation:	Chablis
Owner:	Olivier Savary and Francine Bachelier
Established:	1883
Farming Practices:	Sustainable
Soil:	Limestone and clay
Vineyard:	12 ha
Varietal:	100% Chardonnay
Avg Age of Vines:	30 years
Yield/Hectare:	60 hl/ha Avg
Production:	80,000 Bottles

Vinification and Élevage: Upon harvesting, grapes are gently pressed and allowed to settle. Fermentation and aging take place in stainless steel, with a minimal use of oak for the 1er Cru’s (10-25%). The wines are bottled in the late spring after the vintage for maximum freshness.

Tasting Notes: Brilliant white gold color with green highlights. Bright, luminous and clear, a youthful appearance. The nose is rich, ripe and floral, revealing fruity aromas with ripe, sweet scents. On the palate the wine is full and powerful with distinct mineral notes that enhance the fruit and long finish. The roundness balances perfectly with the refreshing liveliness and firm structure, a classic expression of the racy character of Chablis.

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