

# 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 60 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 of

clay/limestone 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.

<b>Region:</b>	Burgundy
<b>Appellation:</b>	Chablis Village
<b>Owner:</b>	Olivier Savary and Francine Bachelier
<b>Established:</b>	1883
<b>Farming Practices:</b>	Sustainable and HVE
<b>Soil:</b>	Limestone and clay
<b>Vineyard:</b>	2 hectares
<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Avg Age of Vines:</b>	60 years
<b>Yield/Hectare:</b>	50 hl/ha
<b>Avg Production:</b>	14,000 bottles

**Vinification and Elevage:** Traditional vinification, maloactic fermentation and élevage is in stainless steel. 20% 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 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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