

# THE SOURCE

Producer	Domaine Christophe et fils		
Wine			
Region and Country	Chablis, France		
Varietal(s)	Chardonnay		
Terroir	A good portion of this talented Chablis' vineyards face the grand cru Blanchots and sit just west on the hill home to the great premier cru, Montée de Tonnerre. The soil here is unusually brittle Kimmeridgian marl—extremely friable, coarse and sharp compared to most in Chablis. A close look reveals almost pure decomposed fossilized miniature oyster shells, and not much else. The numerous plots for this wine come from various expositions all on the grand cru side of the Serein River. This seems to bring its multidimensional mineral-rich characteristics with more roundness and weight compared to those from other side of the river.		
Soil	Kimmeridgian limestone marl and marne (limestone rich clay)		
Irrigation	Forbidden—Never—Sometimes	Technical Precision	Nature—Moderate—Nurture
Vine Age	Planted in 1980-2000s (25 yr average)	Altitude(m); Aspect	120-180 ; All directions
Vinification	After picking by hand, the grapes are pressed and settled for one day and racked into another tank before beginning the natural fermentation in stainless steel tanks for 1-2 months. A single batonnage may be employed in cold vintages and the first SO2 addition is made before fermentation and the second after the completion of malolactic and primary fermentation. A third addition may be made if needed prior to bottling.		
Aging	7-8 months in stainless steel before bottling. If it's a high acid vintage it will be aged for more time and less for those with lower acidity.		
Farming	Sustainable—Organic Certified—Biodynamic Certified—Uncertified Naturalist		
Enological Additions	Sulfur Dioxide. It's fined with bentonite (a natural clay) and filtered with diatomaceous earth (fossilized sedimentary algae with a siliceous skeleton)—both are natural products.		

## Observations (subjective and abstract; based on young wines)

General Impressions	Flinty, Smoky, Angular, Energetic, Citrus, Focused Aroma, Good Bitter Qualities		
Ageability	Drink Young—Short-Term Benefits—Long-Term Benefits—Unknown		
Intensity	Subtle—Vigorous—Electric	Body	Light—Medium—Full
Core	Lithe—Medium—Dense	Tannin	Light—Medium—Full
Acidity	Light—Medium—Full—Electric	Wood Presence	Light—Medium—Full—Electric
Texture	Lithe—Medium—Dense	Finish	Front—Middle—Back
Mineral Impressions	Lightly Salty—Salty—Metal—Mineral—Wet Stone—Flint—Graphite—Reductive—Petrol		

## Lab Analysis (general range)

Alcohol %	12-12.8	Titrateable Acidity (g/L)	N/A
pH	3.00-3.15	Residual Sugar (g/L)	Dry
Total SO2	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High		

Notes compiled in 2019 by Ted Vance (The Source) and Sebastien Christophe  
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