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Agnès Gleizes Chablis 1er Cru Fourchaume

COUNTRY

France

REGION

Burgundy

GRAPE

Chardonnay

VINTAGE

2022

ABOUT THE DOMAINE

Agnès Gleizes is a rising star of the Chablis region, rapidly becoming a modern qualitative benchmark, producing wines that possess the quintessential elegance, strength and finesse the region is known for. Currently, Agnès with husband Cyril Gautheron are at the head of Domaine Gautheron. She settled in Fleys in 2020 and started working at her husband's estate taking advantage of over 28ha of vines at prime location to make wines under her own name in Chablis. Agnes originally from St Chinian was previously the head of Domaine La Croix Sainte-Eulalie her family's winery. Committed to expressing the distinct characteristics of each terroir, Agnes is meticulous in her approach both in the vineyard and the winery.

WINEMAKING

Fourchaume is a Premier Cru of the right bank (the bank where the Chablis Grands Crus are also located). One of the possible explanations behind this climat's name is quite sinister; "Fourche" (fork) might refer to a fork in the road or else a gibbet! Agnes' vines are located in the "cove" of the south-facing hill. The soils are deep and clayey at the foot of the hillside and more stony at the top. The wines from this terroir retain the characteristic roundness of the cru, but with a much greater mineral character.

Vinification is traditional, aiming to best express the appellation and the terroir. Once harvested, the grapes are taken to the winery where they are immediately pressed after being sorted to keep only the healthiest and ripest grapes. Then a gentle pressing is carried out with the pneumatic presses at low pressure allowing the selection of the best juices without crushing or oxidation. This is followed by an 18-hour static settling to remove the coarsest sediment in order to keep only the fine lees. Alcoholic fermentation takes place in temperature-controlled vats at 16-18C for 3-4 weeks. Each plot is vinified separately so that each terroir can express itself. This is followed by malolactic fermentation which stabilizes the wines by giving them a perfect balance. The wines are then left on the fine lees for 3-8 months depending on the vintages.

TASTING NOTES

Beautiful pale white gold colour with soft green reflections. The nose is structured, generous and precise. It is dense and fragrant, with subtle notes of flowers and spices. The palate is powerful, balanced, combining energy with tender liveliness. The bold mineral finish is chiseled, saline and precise.



TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol by volume
13%