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Domaine Romain Collet · Chablis

Romain Collet and his mother, Dominique, own a blessed wingspan of parcels in many of the finest vineyards of Chablis. Taking the lessons of his father and grandfather, Gilles and Jean, Romain first decided to bottle his favorite parcels in 2009. He makes his wines at Domaine Collet, but the wines are his without doubt; they are his vision of terroir and the unique qualities of Chablis. Having enjoyed Collet wines for literally decades, we can say that Romain's releases this year stand apart as truly fine and well worth pursuing. Romain's wines hew to the classics of Chablis: patient, natural work in the vineyard and cellar, yields wines of undeniable character that emphasize stony fruit, glorious aromas and brilliant natural acidity. These are special wines made for attentive tasting a cappella or with cuisine.

Crémant de Bourgogne Brut (2021 and 2022 vintages)

Crémant from Chablis is a rarity indeed, and if anyone knows of another, let me know! Romain crafts his Crémant from estate vines in the commune of Villy planted in soils of oyster marl and with a superb sloping south-east exposure. The Chardonnay is hand picked into small perforated crates to keep airflow around the fruit and to prevent crushing. Romain vinifies his vintage base wine in thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks where it completes both alcoholic and malolactic fermentation. He gives the wine nine months in tank before bottling. 2021 and 2022 both contribute to this release. Once bottled, his Crémant ages for 24 months on its fine lees before disgorgement. The dosage is 4 g/l. It has a persistent mousse, with scents of white-stone fruits, chamomile, honey and wild flowers followed by the tell-tale impression of long lees aging: the wonderful taste of fresh brioche. In the finish you will find excellent minerality and acidity with a whisper of toast. Think Blanc de Blancs bubbles without the heart-stopping price tag of bottles from further north.



Romain's stainless steel tanks used for his Crémant de Chablis