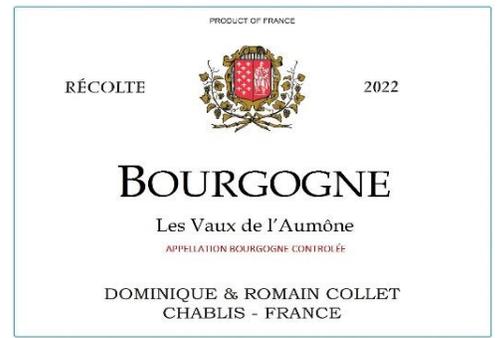




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Dominique & Romain Collet • Chablis

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.

Bourgogne Rouge Pinot Noir "Les Vaux de l'Aumône" 2022

Romain Collet's mother, Dominique, comes from another venerable Chablis family. They're from Tonnerre, a short 10-minute country drive from the center of Chablis. For several generations the family has owned two plots of Pinot Noir in Tonnerre's finest vineyard called Les Vaux de l'Aumône, which means the Valley of Charity (alms). There are two plots: one planted in the 60's and one in the 70's. With the passing of Dominique's mother, the vines came to Delphine Collet, Romain's sister, a chiropractor, who thought she might continue the family practice of selling the fruit of the vineyard to the local cooperative. Romain, however, had always felt the Pinot Noir of Les Vaux de l'Aumône was far too good to sell off, so he convinced his sister to allow him to make the wine. Voila! Hand-harvested fruit, meticulously sorted, fermented with indigenous yeast, and given a long, patient élevage, which is so good for cool-climate pinot noir fruit. It is an expressive wine, vinous and bright, with dried cherry flavors and a slightly leathery, turfy feel of tannin, compact and red-fruited. This is a wine that will delight seasoned palates and novice tasters alike.



Charlotte and Romain Collet overlooking "Les Vaux de l'Aumône" on perfect afternoon