



THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR QUALITY

Dominique & Romain Collet • Chablis

My first experience (1995) tasting a single-vineyard wine from Chablis was a 1989 Domaine Jean Collet Montée de Tonnerre. Since then, the Collet name has resonated within my core, my foundation of learning what classical wines taste and feel like, how Chablis has its own shape and curve and cannot be mistaken for something as far as Sonoma or as close as Puligny. In those days, Romain was just a kid, but soon he would start to work side-by-side with his father, and then take a formal degree in enology at Beaune. The Collet family traces their wine roots back to 1792, and the thought of being something other than a winemaker never intersected Romain's vision. Growing-up literally in the family vineyards, Romain matured into a human compass of these vines. He understands the aspect of each parcel and knows which parcels will make the best wine. Using his expertise, Romain wanted to bottle these unique plots under a new label. His inaugural vintage was 2009, and he was only 23.

A productive change for Romain was 2010, the year he began working with only natural yeasts in the cellar. This was a big step towards making wines he wanted to drink, wines of complexity, those that display the ever-folds of nuance with a seamless pop of tension. If there is one wine thing Romain hates, it is disjointed/jumbled/broken wines. In the cellar, he treats his parcels differently; his mindful choices reflect his homegrown intuition coupled with his formal training in Beaune as well as his sharp awareness of the ever-changing wine world around him. Today, most of Romain's parcels are certified organic by France's Bureau Veritas, and he continues his path towards 100%. Are these the radically natural wines? No. There is a small dosage of sulfur during fermentation and at the bottling stage. Are these some of the most delicious wines? Hell Yeah.

The Wines of Dominique & Romain Collet

Chablis "Cuvée Paul" Vieilles Vignes

Premier Cru

Chablis 1er Cru "Les Forêts"

Chablis 1er Cru "Butteaux"

Chablis 1er Cru "Mont de Milieu"

Grand Cru

Chablis Grand Cru "Valmur"

