

DOMAINE LAVANTUREUX

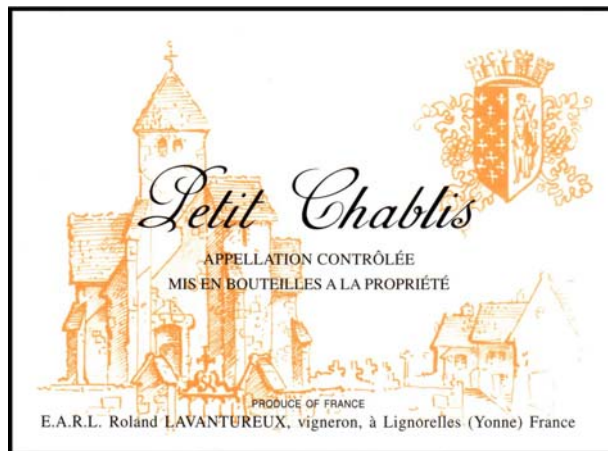
Region: **Burgundy**

Appellation: **Chablis**

Producer: **Roland Lavantureux**

Founded: **1978**

Annual Production: **5000 cases**



Chablis is by nature austere. Austere in the positive sense. When you want to serve a Chablis, you want, even in the big years, that touch of austerity. Lavantureux always gives us pretty fruit, but with that classic minerality, and the stimulating acidity which makes it the perfect match for oysters. The aftertaste goes on and on. Lavantureux's AOC will rival most premier cru Chablis.

If you like the minerality but want something less austere, try the Petit Chablis. It's rarer than Chablis, the vineyards being scattered between some of the finest *premiers crus* of the grander sibling. Chablis proper covers almost 3000 or so acres, ringing the Grand and Premier Cru sites. The Petit Chablis appellation, however, consists of barely 300 acres of Chardonnay, most of it in shallower, less chalky, soils where ripening is difficult. This produces wines which express themselves best in youth, when still crisp and *petit*, unlike the more reticent, stern Chablis.

To say that Lavantureux makes the best Petit Chablis misses the point, though, as in most years only a handful of Chablis tastes as good as Roland's "Little Chablis".

<u>Appellation:</u>	<u>Varietal:</u>	<u>Vine Age:</u>	<u>Acreage:</u>
Petit Chablis	Chardonnay	25 years	10 acres
Chablis	Chardonnay	20 years	35 acres

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