



*Domaine Laroche*  
CHABLIS  
À L'OHÉDENCERIE

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## *Saint Martin*

### IN SOME WORDS

The cuvee 'Saint Martin' is a blend of the most beautiful plots among the 60 hectares of the Chablis Village appellation owned by Domaine Laroche. Thanks to a careful ageing on fine lees including 15% in 30-years old 'foudres' (wooden cask), the wine offers the mineral characteristics of the best terroirs of the appellation, an excellent freshness and a delicacy with beautiful energy. The wine is certified both High Environmental Value level 3 (HVE) and VEGAN.

### VINTAGE REPORT

Domaine Laroche was the first in the appellation to start to harvest in 2018 - on August 28th- to ensure a good balance between acidity and aromatic complexity. Grégory Viennois, oenologist and technical director, usually says that the state of ripeness of the fruit is crucial : "we are picking up grapes al dente". Thus the wine can reveal the limestone touch and the singularity of the Chablis terroir.

The wine has a bright , crystal clear, pale yellow colour. The nose opens up with notes of chalk, white flowers and fresh fruit like apple. The ageing, partly in French oak, brings subtle and complex notes of fresh undergrowth and cedar.

### FOOD PAIRING

Enjoy Domaine Laroche Chablis Saint Martin in aperitif or with oysters and sea food.



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### THE REMAINS OF SAINT MARTIN IN CHABLIS

In 877, while the Normans were threatening the Touraine region, the monks of Saint Martin of Tours took away the St Martin's relics to Chablis to avoid pillaging. Indeed, the chapter of Tours was the owner of the *Obediencerie* – now Domaine Laroche's headquarters - close to the church which was part of the IX<sup>th</sup> century monastery. The relics remained there for a decade before being sent back to their original sanctuary.

From that day, when the Chapter of Tour came to take shelter in Chablis, the history of the village became closely linked to the one of the vineyard as the monks of Tours were vine growers. They needed wine for spiritual celebrations. Since then, it was known that Chablis started producing great wines.

Saint Martin is the Saint patron of travelers but is also a symbol of sharing and generosity. In fact, as he was officer of the roman legion in 388 AD and was in Gaul near Amiens, during a night patrol he came across a beggar whom he gave half his cape he had cut with his sword. At that time, the Roman officer's outfit was paid half by himself and the other half by the army. Saint Martin's gesture is thus a gesture of pure generosity as he gave all he had. This famous episode of Saint Martin as a legionary changed his destiny.

To share this story, a collector bottle was launched in 2018. The colour design changes, turning from white to blue, when the wine is at the right drinking temperature (12-14 °C).

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