

December 2020

## Domaine Roland Lavantureux

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For the Lavantureux brothers, 2019 is a 'Drink early and keep long' sort of vintage. They had acceptable yields between 40 and 45 hl/ha, with most wines coming in below 13% alcohol. They made the decision to pick early so as to keep the sugar levels down, and have taken the wines off their lees earlier than usual to avoid fattening them up too much. Thoughtful decision making. The Petit Chablis and Chablis were bottled in June, the remaining wines were for bottling in July or December.

### White

#### **2019, Petit Chablis, 87**

South-east facing vines deliver a cracking good petit Chablis every year, chez Lavantureux. Pale colour with real energy to the nose, some peaches, but not extravagant, a lovely mouthful, softer finish than last year perhaps, but a beautiful wine nonetheless. Tasted: September 2020

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#### **2019, Chablis, 88**

25% wood is used for the Chablis, none new. Pale colour, ripe pears here. Luscious. There is a light reduction up front, concentrated fruit through the middle, bringing out the minerals behind. This 2019 Chablis has certainly kept its tension. Tasted: September 2020

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#### **2019, Chablis Vieilles Vignes, 88-90**

From their three regular plots in Lignorelles, 60+ year old vines. There are, some interesting chalky notes to the nose, white fruit, relatively mouth filling and saline acidity to finish. This really leaves a strong coating of fruit in the mouth. Tasted: September 2020

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#### **2019, Chablis Fourchaume 1er Cru, 89-91**

Pale lemon, soft and spicy nose, then a bit more tension behind, but the typical easygoing nature of Fourchaume shows through. Tasted: September 2020

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#### **2019, Chablis Bougros Grand Cru, 92-94**

Ripe spicy nose, very typical of Bougros. There is a huge mouthful here with excellent tension, some peach notes, everything is there in the rich, but balanced style of the vintage. And very long. Tasted: September 2020

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#### **2019, Chablis Vaudésir Grand Cru, 93-95**

Pale lemon in colour, with a touch of viognier-style ripeness, but still elegant. There is a sweet glowing fruit across the palate, before a racy chiselled finish, with excellent acidity, and impressive persistence. This is on the Preuses side of the vineyard, but the style has, something in common with Les Clos. Tasted: September 2020

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