

Domaine Roland Lavantureux

Arnaud and David Lavantureux felt that most of the 2022s were too backward to taste and I should come back later, though we did not manage to find a time for this. So these notes just cover the first three 2022s, plus a look at the 2021s in bottle.

The 2022 harvest began on 1st September, picking in the mornings only through to 17th September, with the 1er Cru Vau de Vey, older plots of Chablis and the reds (now 3.5ha in Epineuil) picked by hand. Despite the full crop, 2022 provided concentrated wines, ample and ripe. Arnaud also took the decision to block the malolactic fermentation, as he did in 2018 and 2020. In the cellar, they are moving from 228 to 350 litre barrels. Wonderful wines once again.



White

2022, Petit Chablis, Domaine Roland Lavantureux - 88

In bottle. A fine clean pale colour, with very crisp aromatics. This is very stylish, with excellent energy for the appellation, juicy white fruit and a little spice, balanced acidity and good length. Drink from 2024-2025. Tasted: July 2023.

2022, Chablis, Domaine Roland Lavantureux - 89

In bottle for two weeks. This is altogether more backward with a more phenolic nose (that's a positive for me). Good weight of fruit with a little tension behind and a fine persistent finish. Indeed impressive length. Drink from 2025-2027. Tasted: July 2023.

2022, Chablis Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Roland Lavantureux - 90

Not in bottle but the blend is done. There is still a light reduction on the nose. Excellent steely tension, a lively finish with real grip. All in white fruit, somewhat saline but not iodine. Drink from 2025-2028. Tasted: July 2023.

2021, Petit Chablis, Domaine Roland Lavantureux - 86

Pale lemon yellow. Some iodine on the nose. Still a trace on the palate but the fruit takes the upper hand. Medium bodied, fresh and crunchy but to drink soon. Drink from 2023-2024. Tasted: July 2023.

2021, Chablis, Domaine Roland Lavantureux - 88

Clean clear pale colour, quite fresh. Opens out very well more white than yellow with density behind and less of the iodine. Avoids the softer character of many wines in 2021 and delivers excellent length., But drink young. Drink from 2024-2025. Tasted: July 2023.

2021, Chablis Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Roland Lavantureux - 90

Pale lemon yellow. The bouquet shows quite ample white fruit, good body, nothing meagre here. This is beautifully balanced on the palate, with a little lemon rinse on top of the fruit. Nicely marine and mineral. Drink from 2024-2027. Tasted: July 2023.

2021, Chablis Fourchaume 1er Cru, Domaine Roland Lavantureux - 91

Pale colour. A light and elegant nose, some marine notes behind, gentle but showing well, with a little more volume behind, a wave of white fruit and an attractively nuanced finish. Drink from 2025-2028. Tasted: July 2023.

2021, Chablis Beauroy 1er Cru, Domaine Roland Lavantureux - 90

Pale colour, iodine mineral nose, white fruit and a little bit of almond paste, very agreeable aftertaste. Pasty texture, now all white fruit. Drink from 2024-2028. Tasted: July 2023.

2021, Chablis Vaudésir Grand Cru, Domaine Roland Lavantureux - 94

Fresh mid yellow, this is very stylish on the nose. The palate is chiselled and full of energy, a lovely big bold white fruit with excellent acidity with good length. I like what's left in the glass as well. Very promising. Drink from 2026-2032. Tasted: July 2023.

Red

2022, Bourgogne Epineuil Les Fauconniers, Domaine Roland Lavantureux - 90-91

★★★★★ **5 Star Wine**

At the moment reductive. Excellent bright purple colour and though the reduction is strong, the wealth of fruit comes up behind brilliantly. This is going to be spectacular! And better balanced than the 2019 which I loved from the start. Drink from 2025-2030. Tasted: July 2023.