

# BURGUNDY REPORT *BY BILL NANSON*

## Roland Lavantureux – 2022

*Tasted in Lignorelles with Arnaud Lavantureux, 18 January 2024.*

### **Domaine Roland Lavantureux**

4 Rue Saint-Martin  
89800 Lignorelles

#### **Arnaud on 2023:**

*“Very happy – eventually an unfrosted vintage! All is now in a good direction. We had rain everywhere in 2023 – it properly replenished the water-table.”*

#### **Arnaud on 2022:**

*“There was a little frost but only a little and there was any way the potential for a lot of grapes after 2021, so we are now in good shape. We have thought for a number of years – can the vines actually produce? 2018 said yes but when was the last time we had two consecutive good volume vintages? – I haven’t seen it before. And, fortunately, the wines are good too, indeed, I think they are magnificent in 2022.”*



## The wines...

*Like/dislike of oak – or particular styles of oak – is highly subjective. I’m not a big fan of the smoky character of the oak used by this domaine – which means I would keep the wines at least 2 years before drinking to let those aromas and flavours fade. But what a simply great, chiselled, precise but not a bit austere selection of wines. One of my producers of the vintage – bravo!*

*All the 2022 has been bottled – the last was done in December 2023. Natural cork is used here, nothing peroxide treated. Wax topped from the Vauprin onwards:*

#### **2022 Petit Chablis**

*Here is the only wine that with 100% stainless-steel for all vinification and élevage. All from Lignorelles*

*A pretty nose – not large scale but of good width. Mouth-filling but fluid and complex – that’s really great in the mouth – a nose short of great wine but clearly great PC today!*

*And now a new wine:*

#### **2022 Bourgogne Tonnerre**

*Kimmerigian soil here but a wine with a bit more richness*

*Deep, mineral, rewarding – that’s a great invitation. Mouth-filling like the PC but all is supported by a vibration of minerality but it’s a darker, almost reductive, smoky, minerality than you find in the Petit Chablis. Different and excellent – it’s long too.*

## **2022 Chablis**

*All the domaine's wines are vinified parcel by parcel – this comes from a single parcel in Lignorelles but a big parcel of 5ha and it's the biggest cuvée of the domaine. 30% barrel élevage a mix of 350 and 228s.*

Fresh, saline, faintly cushioned invitation. Incisive – pure – what a super start, lots of salinity. Ultra-classic, great villages!

## **2022 Chablis Vieilles-Vignes**

*3 parcels in Lignorelles – vines planted by grandfather – 50-60-year-old vines. 40% barrel – a mix of sizes but nothing new, indeed about 5-year-old barrels*

A small but still deep nose – yellow citrus with an accent of honey at the base. Also cool, direct and in this case even more vibrant. More energy and certainly more finishing intensity – that's great too but wait 2-3 years for this one – there's a small creamy accent of the barrel in this finish but it will be gone in that timescale. Bravo!

## **2022 Chablis 1er Fourchaume**

*Now 50% barrel élevage – a little new starting to creep into the mix now.*

Wider and more floral – more airy than powerful – but a great invitation to take a sip. Also crystalline, so mineral, yes the yellow-gold style of fruit but this isn't tipping over into 'honey.' Bravo!

## **2022 Chablis Vaudesir**

*Bought. Steep and south-facing here*

A wider nose – almost panoramic – some generosity to the fruit but it's never lacking clarity. Yes! Intense, melting, pure mineral – what a great wine – no extraneous richness – just mineral concentration – you could say molten rock if it wasn't so cool-flavoured! Great wine!

*A modest change of colour:*

## **2022 Bourgogne Epineuil**

*Fourth vintage here. Old vines from grand-father – around 50 years old.! 'We are very strict with the rendement.'*

A wow nose – the smoky oak used here distracts me slightly in the young whites but here you have the impression it fulfils a need and is almost like an extension of a whole cluster aromatic – and below the fruit is very appealing too. Hmm – this has a fine fresh shape in the mouth – architectural but the fruit is sweetly attractive – slightly darker fruited – very long too. I don't really see 'Epineuil' but I do see a great wine – bravo – the best red of my tour without a doubt!