

Salix Chenin blanc AOC Lavaux

Collection Louis-Philippe Bovard



Viticulture

Terraced vineyard bordering Lake Geneva Slope of 30 to 50%. Entirely manual cultivation. Planting density 9'000 vines/hectare. Yield 0.8 kg/cep.

Grape

Chenin Blanc 100%

Terroir et Soils

The rocks that make up the bedrock of Lavaux belong to the molasse, a vast group of sedimentary rocks. These rocks came into being during the formation of the Alpine massif and then during its erosion. Lavaux is thus made up of alternating layers of sandstone, clay and marl.

Vinification

Alcoholic fermentation in barrels. In order to preserve as much fruit as possible, malolactic fermentation is not carried out. Maturing in barrels for 18 months with stirring of the lees.

Alcohol

13.5 %

Degustation

Bouquet on ripe yellow fruits (pineapple, peach). On the palate, one perceives in the attack a tenderness and aromatic finesse, which evolves towards a rich and voluminous substance supported by the acidic tension of the wine. Aromas of fruit, honey and lime blossom. Mineral finish.

Ageing

15 to 20 years

Food and wine pairing

Fish tartar, ratatouille, olive oil dishes, foie gras, spicy cheeses. Served as an aperitif with appetizers.

History

The name "SALIX" is the Latin name for the willow tree, whose thin branches are woven to make harvest baskets.

The winery

Louis-Philippe Bovard – whose name is in its 10th generation – took the helm of his family's 13-hectare estate in 1983. He is a pioneer in the field and is responsible, among other things, for the introduction of new grape varieties (Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah), the maturing of Chasselas in barrels, the creation of the Conservatoire Mondial du Chasselas (with the aim of researching older, more qualitative selections) and the creation of an important collection of old Dézaley vintages. The estate has been awarded the highest distinctions. It is one of the icons of Swiss wine and enjoys international recognition.

Reputation

In Robert Parker's wine list since 2015 (with 17 wines rated from 90 to 93 points), Louis-Philippe Bovard, along with 5 other winemakers, was awarded the title of "Icon of Swiss Wine" by the Gault&Millau guide in 2016.

Louis-Philippe Bovard is one of the founding members of the Barony of Dézaley, Arte Vitis (innovative winegrowers from the canton of Vaud) and the "Mémoire des vins suisses

