

Une classe à part.

Ilex Calamin Grand Cru AOC

Collection Louis-Philippe Bovard



Viticulture

Terraced vineyards along Lake Geneva with an average slope of 30%. Entirely manual winegrowing operations. Vine density about 9'000/hectare. Grape yield 1 kg/vine.

Grape

Chasselas (native variety)

Terroir and Soils

Clay, heavy soil. Warm and early lacustrine climate.

Vinification

Aged 10 months in barrels. Without malolactic fermentation.

Alcohol

13 %

Tasting

Renewed expression of the chasselas with great freshness and complexity. Fruity, lemony nose. Complex palate, with white fruit and a fat and spicy mid-palate. Mineral impression, typical of the great Chasselas.

Ageing

10 - 15 years

Food and wine pairing

Cold starter: eggplant galantine, veal tartar, sushi, poultry in cream sauce.

Serving temperature: 15°C.

History

The name "ILEX" is the Latin name for holly. It therefore evokes a tree from our gardens, with evergreen foliage and red berries. In the past, people used to use their wood to make the handles of winemaking tools.

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".