



**TERROIRS** The vineyard is located on the right bank of the Serein River, northeast of the town of Chablis on the *grand cru* slope, where it enjoys southwestern sun exposure. Its soil is composed of 100% Kimmeridgian limestone and a little bit of clay whose formation dates back to the 200-million-year old Jurassic period. Bougros typically has a higher content of clay relative to the other *grands crus*, producing wines that are easier to access in their youth.

**FARMING** Patrick only sources wine from the original 12th century Chablis boundaries, which means that all his cuvees hail from the celebrated Kimmeridgian limestone—a unique terroir rich in fossils, prized for creating stony, complex Chardonnays. Each grower has their own method of sustainable farming; neither synthetic herbicides nor fertilizers are used, and regular plowing controls weeds. The common thread is a fundamental respect for the soil, which is essential for Patrick, a longtime student of Chablis’ terroirs. In a land of predominantly mechanized harvests, Patrick and his team set themselves apart in the appellation by harvesting entirely by hand. They tend to pick earlier than most growers in order to impart a nervy and acidic backbone to the finished wine.

**GRAPE VARIETALS** 100 % Chardonnay

**VINE AGE** 65 years old

**AVERAGE YIELD** 50 hectoliters per hectare

**WINEMAKING** Patrick favors long fermentations with native yeasts and ages all of his wines on their lees. Allowing nature to take its time and letting the temperatures rise and fall of their own accord allows the skins to soften and gracefully impart their aromatics and flavors into the finished wine. The grapes are pressed gently by mechanical press. Primary fermentation and *élevage* take place in 100% French oak barrels (neutral oak). Primary fermentation can last up to five months. The wine then goes through 100% malolactic fermentation and ages on the lees for up to eleven months with one racking, before a light bentonite fining, a light filtration with diatomaceous earth, and bottling.

**TASTING NOTES** An aromatic nose of ripe apple, lemon confit, lemon, salt water, white flowers and a touch of honey leads to a rich and muscular mouth-feel. Well built yet elegant, the opulence of the texture is restrained by the terroir’s zesty minerality and the lively acidity of the grapes. A classic Bougros!

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION** ~5,700 bottles or 475 cases

