






Switzerland's Native Grapes

Chasselas Varietal

- Most prominent & widely planted white varietal
- Approximately 27% of planted vineyards
- Originated on the shores of Lake Geneva
- Locally known as Fendant
- Other synonymous names: Perlan, Gutedel, Dorin, Chasselas Blanc, Golden Chasselas, Chasselas de Moissac, Chasselas Dore,and more
- Vigorous vine
- Early Ripener
- Low acidity
- Low alcohol
- Low aromatics



Chasselas

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Lake Geneva Shoreline

Chasselas Wine Styles

- Subtle, fresh, delicate on the nose and palate - very easy to drink
- Varies based on the individual vineyard site. Can easily display the minerality of its terroir
- In winemaking, some age on the lees, conduct malolactic, or leave CO2 (traditionally the wines had a light sparkle)
- Easily pairs with the local Fondue and Raclette

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Petite Arvine

- Mainly grown in the Valais where it is regarded as their premium white varietal and demands the best vineyard sites
- First mention dates back to early 1600's and DNA testing reveals no relatives
- Early budding, late ripening
- Thick skinned berry, rich extract
- Medium – high acidity
- Aromas of grapefruit, lemon, lime, rhubarb and wisteria
- Flavors of citrus fruits, mineral notes and a hint of saltiness on the finish
- Susceptible to botrytis, mildew, & mites



Petite Arvine

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Steeply Terraced Vineyards in Valais

Petite Arvine Wine Styles

- Dry, Semi Dry & Sweet
- High in extract, fuller bodied
- Excellent structure with high acidity
- Some wines produced from dried grapes
- Best wines can age up to 10 years, although most are meant to be drunk within a few years
- Limited production and demand of best sites leads to lower quantity and higher prices



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Cornalin du Valais

- Grown exclusively in the Valais, it is their symbolic red
- Formerly known as Rouge Du Pays. Other names: Rouge du Valais, & Landroter
- Fruity, elegant aromas, crimson purple color
- Flavors of ripe cherry, raspberry, red current, floral and a hint of violet and herbal notes
- Lower - medium acidity, medium tannin, good structure



Cornalin du Valais

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Cornalin du Valais Wine Styles

- Produces a dry, fruity, and rich wine with good structure that needs aging to soften
- Typically the wine will take 4-5 years to mature
- Pending the vintage year the wine can show more or less rusticity
- Requires a lot of work in the vineyard by the winery







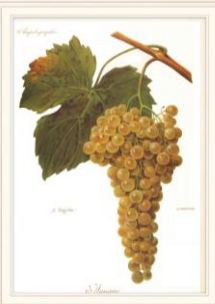
AMIGNE DE VÉTROZ

- ◆ The Grape
- ◆ The Place
- ◆ The Wine
- ◆ The Bees
- ◆ The Rules
- ◆ Production
- ◆ The Trek



AMIGNE

- ◆ A Valais original
- ◆ High-yielding, but not consistent
- ◆ Late ripening
- ◆ 38 hectares in worldwide, 27 hectares at Vétroz (amigne.ch)



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- ♦ Continental climate
- ♦ Alpine influences
- ♦ Fohn
- ♦ Steep slopes along the Rhone
- ♦ South-facing
- ♦ First zone - alluvial cone
- ♦ Diverse geology
 - ♦ Terraces: glacial moraine, black schist
 - ♦ Valleys: pebble alluvial & gravel



AMIGNE DE VÉTROZ

- ♦ Ripe citrus, stone fruits to jammy characteristics
- ♦ Full-bodied, balanced with high acidity & pronounced flavor intensity
- ♦ Best with 5 - 10 years in bottle
- ♦ Styles: dry to *flêtrie*
- ♦ "Rich & powerful" (amigne.ch)



THE SWEET BUZZ

- ♦ Abeilles
- ♦ Since 2005 vintage
- ♦ Required due to vintage, winemaking variations
- ♦ Indication of sugar content
 - ♦ 0-8 g/l
 - ♦ 9-25 g/l
 - ♦ >25 g/l



THE REGULATIONS

- ♦ Harvest beginning 7th year
- ♦ > 7000 vines/hectare
- ♦ > 93.7 Oechsle at harvest
- ♦ No chaptalization
- ♦ No blending
- ♦ Grain Noble ConfidenCiel



GRAIN NOBLE CONFIDENCIEL

- ◆ Created in 1996
- ◆ 30 producers
- ◆ Vines > 15 years old
- ◆ First zone
- ◆ Sugars >130 degrees Oechsle at harvest
- ◆ Aging > 12 months in wood
- ◆ Must pass tasting session



PRODUCTION

- ◆ 18 producers
- ◆ 8% of Vétroz vines
- ◆ Less than 1% exported
- ◆ Grand Cru
- ◆ United Vinegrowing Winemakers of Vétroz



THE ALPINE TREK



- ◆ A 2.7 KM, 45 minute hike through the vineyards
- ◆ Created in 2005
- ◆ 1st week in June every year
- ◆ Site of the Festival of the Flowering Amigne



map: amigne.ch
photos: www.amigne.com






Switzerland: Dôle of Valais

The Beginning of Dôle Wine

- First appeared in Switzerland around 1820 – believed to be a unique varietal of its own from around the city of Dôle in Jura
- Plants arrived to the Sion family vineyards in Valais around 1850
- Dôle redefined to indicate the Pinot Noir varietal
- Redefined once last time: Dôle, the blend of Pinot Noir & Gamay





Robert Gillard Dôle de Monts Valais

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Dôle Winemaking Today

- Minimum of 85% Pinot Noir and Gamay (Pinot Noir must dominate the blend)
- Other permitted varieties: Maximum 15% of Syrah, Merlot, Humagne Rouge, Cornalin, Gamaret, Garanoir, Carminoir, among other native reds
- Takes on many different expressions in Valais based on the producer, vineyard, and terroir


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Other permitted Varietals

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Dôle du Valais

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**Maurice Gay "La Guerite" 2017
Dôle du Valais AOC**

- Dôle Wine: Pinot Noir & Gamay
- 13.5% alcohol
- Grapes sourced from best vineyard sites in central Valais
- Ruby red with intense aromas rounded out by a fruitiness
- Balanced structure on the palate with well integrated and balanced tannins
- Aged in stainless steel vats







<https://www.mauricegay.ch>

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Maurice Gay Chamoson

- The Estate originally founded in 1883 by Jean Gay
- Located in Chamoson, the cantons first wine growing town
- Family owned with 17 hectares with some of the best exposed vineyards and fertile alluvial soils not only in central Valais but all of Switzerland
- Maurice Gay with experience and cutting edge technology makes exceptional wines
- Today the most famous wine house in Valais

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Switzerland: Dôle of Valais

Provins Maitre de Chais Dôle de Sion 2017

- Dôle Wine: Pinot Noir & Gamay Blend
- Rudy red, with abundant aromas of red berries, spicy notes
- Silky on the palate with a fine balanced finish with a hint of sweetness
- 13.5% alc
- Each variety vinified separately with thermoregulated fermentation and regular pumping over



Switzerland: Dôle of Valais

Provins

- Cooperative that was established in 1930 in Sion Valais
- Largest producer of wine in Switzerland
- Currently represent Switzerland's most awarded wines at international competitions
- Recipient of "The Grand Prix du vin Suisse" Winemaker of the Year in 2008 and 2013
- The team consists of 5 highly skilled oenologists and a production lead
- Today they represent over 4400 members



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