



LOUIS BOYARD

Calamin Grand Cru Ilex

Heading upstream, and just past the border between France and Switzerland, the Rhône widens and redirects itself in a great arch forming Lac Léman. It's northerly course veers easterly before turning to flow southeast making the steep slopes of the north shore of Lac Léman an ideal spot for viticulture. It should come as no surprise that the Cistercian monks, rightly famous for being the first to recognize the potential of the terroir of Burgundy were also the early pioneers of grape growing in this part of Switzerland known as Lavaux.

Domaine Louis Bovard is a ten-generation family estate located in the town of Cully on the north bank of Lac Léman. Proponents of the indigenous Chasselas, the Domaine tends a repository (Le Conservatoire Mondial du Chasselas) of the various massale selections of the variety in order to preserve the biodiversity of the Chasselas grape as well better understanding how different selections express themselves in the various terroirs of Switzerland. In addition to Chasselas the estate grows Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot and Syrah. The steep, terraced vineyards of the Domaine are farmed sustainably with some biodynamic practices. Vineyard work is manual, dictated by the narrowness of the terraces and harvests are assisted by mechanical lifts that transport small crates of freshly harvest grapes to the top of the slope – much like one can find in parts of the Mosel or Ribeira Sacra.

Located between the village of Epesses and the shores of Lac Léman, and formed by a landslide the occurred more than a thousand years ago, Calamin is one of the newest Grand Crus established in the Vaud. In contrast to the neighboring Dézaley, Calamin makes for wines that are more ethereal, mineral and brighter. Despite the fact that it is aged in used French oak barrels, this wine is fresh and invigorating with a structure build around a core of mineral flavors rather than acidity – a quality that is prized in the best Chasselas from Switzerland.

ORIGIN

Switzerland

APELLATION

Calamin Grand Cru

SOIL

Clay limestone, marl, sandstone, gravel

AGE OF VINES

25

ELEVATION

420 meters

VARIETIES

Chasselas

FARMING

Sustainable with biodynamic practices

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, crushed, short maceration on the skins, fermented in foudre

AGING

10 months in neutral French oak barrels (2nd and 3rd fill)

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