

DENIS CHAPUT

Champagne, France

HISTORY

Wine has been grown in the region of Arrentières since the mid-twelfth century. The first winegrower to bear the name Chaput moved to Arrentières in 1862. By 1878, he had his own wine press. The first champagne created by the estate was *Cuvée des Rochottes*, which was produced in the early 1930s. This wine is still made by the estate today.

VINEYARDS

The Denis Chaput vineyards are located next door to the winery, so grapes do not have to be transported very far, and arrive freshly cut at the press. The vineyards are composed of 26 plots, each of which is different. The hillsides face South-East to West, with the steepness of the slopes ranging from 5 to 20%. The region is famous for its limestone bedrock, named the *Kimmeridgian*. In the vineyards, the soil varies in its proportion of pebbles, its depth, and its richness in clay, so each plot has its own character, and produces different wines.

All vines are farmed sustainably and are Terra Vitus certified, which is a national certification which aims to provide the consumer with high-quality wines, that are produced with respect for the environment and for future generations. While these growing methods are beneficial in terms of quality, the environment and our well-being, they result in a significant reduction in yields and increased risks of frost damage in the spring.

WINEMAKING

To minimize an impact on the environment, the cellar and winery are half-underground, enabling their temperature to be regulated by a geothermal system. The grapes are gently pressed. Each variety is vinified separately. In order to gain depth and character, the cuvées are bottle-aged for 4 to 10 years in the cellar.

- **Appellation** Champagne
- **Sub-Region** Côte des Bar
- **Year Founded** 1930
- **Proprietors**
Xavier and Nicolas Chaput
- **Winemaker** Nicolas Chaput
- **Annual Production**
1,800 9L cases
- **Varieties Cultivated**
Chardonnay, Pinot Noir
- **Soils** Kimmeridgian clay-chalk
- **Farming Practices** Sustainable

