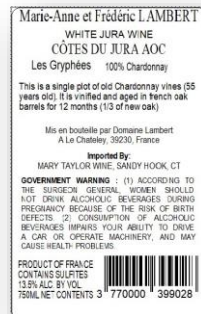


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Domaine Frédéric Lambert – Côtes du Jura – Les Gryphées



The smallest wine growing region of France, the Jura lends its name to the Jurassic period, not because it is littered with ancient fossils and preserved dinosaur tracks, but for its geological developments of limestone mountains and marl deposits that formed 145–200 million years ago. While the mountains along the eastern edge of this narrow north-south winegrowing region are quite high, most of the growing is reserved to the lower valleys in the west, averaging at an altitude of 300m. Although very similar in climate to Burgundy and Alsace, Jura experiences much colder, riskier winters, and longer growing seasons. Because of this, ripeness levels of fruit is always a key consideration for these winegrowers, and often a distinct feature incorporated into these regionally characteristic wines. As such, vines are oriented on south-facing slopes to take full advantage of the days' sunshine.

Marie Anne and Frédéric began their estate in 1993 on the outskirts of Toulouse le Château, about 15km west of Poligny. Preferring careful attention and respect for the environment, chemical treatments are always avoided and harvests are done by hand to better assess the grapes. Additionally, vineyards are plowed and certain plots are planted with grass in order to promote the health of the vines and the quality of fruit.

This cuvée comes from old vines exclusively from a single hectare plot called 'Les Effarets.' The name of the wine, Les Gryphées, comes from an ancient extinct oyster, whose fossils' are found in the soil. The wine is aged on the lees for 12 months and is characterized by a common practice in Jura called topping, to produce floral aromatics and preserve freshness.

Size: 750ml

Appellation: AOP Côtes du Jura

Soil Type: Clay-Limestone and Bleue Marls

Varieties: 100% Chardonnay

Sulphur Total: 28mg/L

Age of Vines: 50 years

Farming: Sustainable, practicing organic

Alcohol: 13.5%

Maturation: Ouillé, wines in barrels are topped up

Aging Details: 1 Year French Oak

