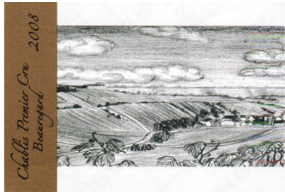


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PATTES LOUP
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OVERVIEW | The young Thomas Pico's first made wine at his family's century-old Chablis estate was in 2006. The 2.4 hectares he works for his label, Pattes Loup (or wolf's paws), were previously part of his father's estate, Domaine Bois d'Yver. Thomas produces high acid, mineral concentrated wines. Courgis and Preys, the villages near his vineyards, are the highest in Chablis. The top of the 1er Cru Beauregard reaches 310 meters whereas a vineyard like Le Clos is at about 150 meters. This goes a long way toward explaining the high natural acidity.

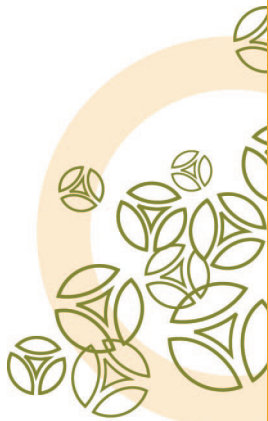
VINEYARD AREA: 2.4 hectares

SOIL TYPES: *kimmerigian chalk soils*

GRAPE VARIETIES: *chardonnay*

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | From the outset, when he started working the vines in 2005, he was determined to work naturally and farm organically. He was assisted in this by his friends, Alice and Olivier de Moor, who are leaders in reviving natural winemaking in Chablis. Organic cultivation is not very easy in this northern part of Burgundy where the climate is quite cold, quite hilly, and many plots are exposed without any natural protection. It is very sensitive to storms and hail, and potentially crippling hot summers. But practitioners of organic viticulture in the region believe that their approach strengthens the vines to make them less vulnerable to various diseases. Vines are worked by hand, wine is fermented naturally on native yeasts, and is bottled unfiltered.

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