



## OLIVIER ROTEN

A many generation, family owned winery located in the heart of the Swiss Alps. Stewards of the mountainous terrain in which they live, breathe and work with their hands, the Roten family pays tribute to their homeland by producing wines of clarity, depth, freshness in the spirit of the Alps. The Caves du Paradis winery and vineyards are located in the township of Sierre at the center of Switzerland's Valais region. Winemaker Olivier Roten is the third generation in his family to produce wine in this mountainous area along the Rhone River. The Roten family's vision has always been to preserve traditional grape varieties and to ensure that their wines reflect the unique alpine terroir in which they are grown. While implementing new techniques and approaches, Olivier remains true to the core family philosophy of using sustainable farming practices and intervening as little as possible in the winery.

## Larix

REGION	Les Bernunes, Coteaux de Sierre, Valais Central
APPELLATION	AOC Valais
VARIETALS	50% Petite Arvine, 50% Humagne Blanche
SOIL	Limestone, sandy and rocky soils
VINEYARD ELEVATION	550 meters in elevation (1,700 feet)
VITICULTURE	Sustainable viticulture (in organic conversion), steep slopes, maintained only by hand, hand harvested
WINE MAKING	Fermented in barre with full malolactic, Aged 1 year on the lees in 228 liter Swiss Larch Barrels of 228 of a light toast
TASTING NOTES	Unique in character, Larix is fermented and aged on its lees in Burgundy barrels made from the larch tree. The Swiss ancestors used larch to vinify wines for several centuries, as this was the most common type of wood in the region. The wine is a blend of Petite Arvine (50%) and Humagne Blanche (50%), two indigenous grape varieties of the Valais. The wine has a definite structure and weight on the palate. It is lively and fresh, displaying hints of spice and white pepper. Larix is a wine of tradition that has been celebrated by the critics and consumers alike.

