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## CHABLIS 2022



Neal Martin

## Producer: Domaine Long-Depaquit

The **2022 Chablis Montmains 1er Cru** is aged 20% in barrel for nine months. It has a pretty nose of yellow fruit, combining nicely with wet stone and subtle fern-like scents. The palate is well-balanced with fine acidity, good concentration and a discrete pepperiness coming through towards its cohesives finish. This a well-made, flavorsome Montmains. **90** 

The **2022** Chablis Les Vaucopins 1er Cru sees 15% aged in barrel and the rest in stainless steel for nine months. It has a bright nose with yellow fruit, wet stone and light beeswax aromas. The palate has an insistent grip on the entry, a pleasing, slightly waxy texture with just the faintest honeyed note on the finish. Just a quite delicious Vaucopins to enjoy over 6-10 years. **90** 

The **2022** Chablis Bougros Grand Cru aged entirely in barrel for nine months, has a fine, primal, honeysuckle and beeswax-scented bouquet that opens nicely in the glass. The palate is well-balanced with a fine line of acidity, quite precise with peace skin and tangerine touches, an underlying spiciness coming forth with aeration. This should meld together nicely with time in bottle. **91-93** 

The **2022** Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru, sees 25% aged in barrel and the remainder in stainless steel for nine months, plus five months where the entire blend is aged in stainless steel. The nose has a surprising steeliness that other Grand Crus found difficult to manifest: focused and mineral-driven. Not austere, but reserved. The palate is well-balanced with a fine bead of acidity, citrus-fresh with touches of pear and nectarine. Again, quite reserved and holding back on the finish. This represents a competent combination of classicism and the vintage's exotic tendency. **91-93** 

The **2022 Chablis Les Preuses Grand Cru** aged entirely in barrel for nine months, feels a bit muted on the nose with grapefruit, lime and touches of crushed stone. You just want more presence and vitality. The palate is more promising, with some lovely peach and mango notes and a taut line of acidity, finishing with a degree of tension. There is more to give here; I would tuck bottles away for 3-4 years. It's biding its time. **90-92** 

The **2022** Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru is two-thirds aged in stainless steel and the remainder in wooden barrel for nine months, plus five months, whereby the entire blend is raised in vat. The nose has good intensity: green apple and light kiwi fruit, leesy at the moment but well defined. The palate is taut on the entry with fine depth, well-judged acidity, and smooth in texture with hints of Conference pear mixed with a quite spicy peppery notes towards the finish. Good potential. **90-92** 

The **2022** Chablis Moutonne Grand Cru, the 2.25ha monopole of Long-Depaquit, is matured 75% in stainless steel and the remainder in barrel for nine months, plus five months in stainless steel. It has an attractive bouquet with more mineralité and Chablis DNA than the Les Preuses, with touches of oyster shell coming through with time. The palate is well-balanced with a crisp line of acidity, red apple, pear and grapefruit, finishing with a dash of spice. Primal in style, so cellar this for 3-4 years. There's good potential. **91-93** 





