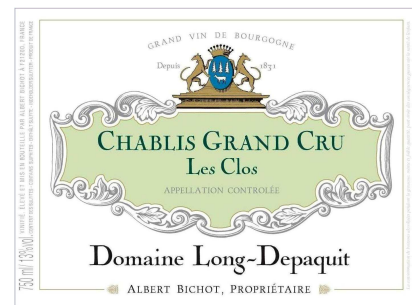
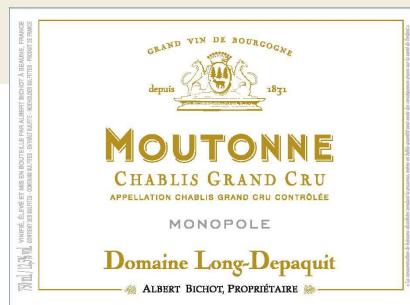




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CHABLIS PRODUCERS
Domaine Long-Depaquit



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Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis GC Moutonne

Sometimes described as the best single vineyard in Chablis, La Moutonne is a walled 2.35 hectare Grand Cru that combines parts of (mostly) Vaudésir with 5% Les Preuses. It's a brilliant wine in 2013: concentrated, rich and powerful, but underpinned by notes of grapefruit and citrus peel. If it were located in the Côte de Beaune, this wine would sell at twice the price. 2015-22

94

Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis GC Les Clos

Bichot has some excellent vineyards in Chablis under its Long-Depaquit banner, typified by this 1.5 hectare holding in one of the appellation's best Grands Crus. This has the power and pomp that are typical of the site with creamy lees, no obvious oak and delicious minerality.

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96

Albert Bichot, Clos de la Roche GC

Sourced from two separate growers, Bichot's négociant bottling from one of Morey Saint Denis' greatest vineyards and is one of the négociant's top wines in 2013. Saline and refreshing, this is like licking a rock. Subtle whole bunches (a third of the cuvée), a spicy, refined palate and a long, polished finish. 2018-26

96

Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin, Grands Echézeaux GC

The yields from Bichot's two parcels were down to 23 hectolitres per hectare in 2013, and the resulting wine is compact a little closed at the moment. Savoury, dense and quite tannic on the palate, this shows succulent red fruits and a touch of reduction that will fade by the time it's bottled. 2018-28

95

Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin, Chambertin GC

This parcel is situated close to that of Lalou Bize-Leroy, which is not a bad place to be if you're looking for posh neighbours. It's a little closed at the moment, with oak, a touch of minty reduction and slightly drying tannins, but there's enough fruit at its core to encourage patience. 2018-26

95

Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin, Clos de Vougeot GC

Combining two parcels in the Clos (in the middle and lower part of the Grand Cru), this is far less oaky than the 2012 was at this stage and all the better for it. Aromatic, plush and comparatively forward, it's fresh and sappy, with well-integrated oak, a smoky undertone and textured tannins. 2017-24

95

Albert Bichot, Bâtard-Montrachet GC

A classy expression of a Grand Cru that straddles the border of Chassagne and Puligny. This doesn't have the power and concentration of some Bâtards, but it makes up for it with focus, tangy grapefruit and tangerine flavours and subtle, vanilla and toasty oak. Elegant and refined. 2016-23

94

Albert Bichot, Chambolle-Musigny PC Les Amoureuses

Made from purchased fruit, like the wine from neighbouring Les Chabiots, this is further proof of Albert Bichot's increasingly serious négociant bottlings. Floral and chalky, it has sweetness, texture and delicacy on the palate. This is a joyous expression of this wonderful vineyard. 2017-24

94

Albert Bichot, Chambolle-Musigny PC Les Chabiots

Bichot's fruit comes from a very well situated parcel, just above the stellar Premier Cru of Les Amoureuses and is everything you'd expect from a top Chambolle in a cooler year. Scented and silky, with some Asian spices, subtle oak and a fine, filigree finish. Very drinkable. 2016-2024

94

Albert Bichot, Charmes-Chambertin GC

The soils here are predominantly limestone and it shows in the focus, elegance and vigour of the wine. Perfume and crunchy acidity are what distinguish this Grand Cru, supported by medium weight tannins and subtle oak. This is another impressive négociant bottling from Bichot. 2017-24

94

Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin, Echézeaux GC

This all comes from Les Champs Traversins, one of Echézeaux's better situated climats, next to En Orveaux. There's a touch of reduction here, but nothing to worry about, as the palate is joyously juicy and seductive with good balancing acidity and some underlying structure. 2016-26

94

Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin, Richebourg GC

One of the jewels of Bichot's domaine holdings, this was showing superbly when I tasted it in London in November. It's not as powerful as some examples of the Grand Cru, but it makes up for that with finesse, craft and subtle oak, allied to delicate tannins. Nuanced winemaking in a difficult year. 2016-26

94

Albert Bichot, Le Dom. du Ch. Gris, Nuits-St-Georges PC Château Gris

A shallow-soiled, rocky vineyard that is part of Les Cros, this is at the refined, more mineral end of the Nuits St Georges spectrum in 2013, with pronounced, savoury aromas, fine tannins and just a touch of smoky reduction. Pepper spice adds an extra dimension to the fruit sweetness. 2016-24



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