



### CHABLIS PRODUCERS

Domaine Long-Depaquit

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

The best release yet from this historic "eighth Grand Cru", this is a youthful, compact wine with considerable ageing potential. Savoury, minerally and taut with notes of oyster shell and subtle oak, it's the Montrachet of Chablis. 2016-27

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

Among the best Chablis of the vintage (several of them from Les Clos), the Bichot example comes from two parcels in the middle and at the top of the slope. A third of the wine is oak-fermented, but you barely notice it, such is the racy, savoury purity and tension of the fruit. Every Chablis lover should have a glass of this in their cellar. 2019-30

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**Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis GC Les Blanchots**

Pale and restrained, but not lacking in focus, precision or cool hauteur, this comes from a 50-year-old parcel in this east-facing Grand Cru. Chalky, nuanced and taut, with underlying umami notes, it's a beautifully balanced, subtle Chardonnay. 2018-28

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**Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis GC Les Preuses**

From a cool, but stony site in this excellent Grand Cru, this has some of the freshness and bite of Blanchots with the concentration and breed of Les Clos, which is a winning combination. Savoury and complex, the wine finishes with a bracing slap of acidity. 2019-28

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**Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Montée de Tonnerre**

There's more oak on this top-notch Premier Cru than on some of the Long-Depaquit bottlings, but the wine has the intensity and focus to cope. It's a complex, multi-layered Chablis with the sort of minerality that makes your mouth water and a salty, sea breeze tang. 2018-27

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**Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Vaucopins**

One of a series of remarkable Chablis from Long-Depaquit in 2014, Vaucopins (spelt with an "s" and without the "u" on this label) this right bank white is very stylish, fresh and mineral, showing hints of candle wax, brine and fresh earth with a hint of oak. 2017-24

93 **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis GC Les Vaudésirs**

92 **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis GC Bougros**

93 **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Beugnons**

93 **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Lys**

93 **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Vaillons**

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**TOP 25 NÉGOCIANTS****Albert Bichot**

### Côte de Nuits wines

**96****Albert Bichot, Clos de la Roche GC**

This may be a négociant wine, but the Bichot team decides when it wants to pick the grapes. It's got a wild, savoury, bloody note to it, somewhere between a Corton and a Pommard in style, supported by sappy black fruits, firmish tannins and well integrated oak. 2020-29

**96****Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin, Chambertin GC**

From one of the cooler, higher parts of Chambertin, this comes from a 0.17 hectare parcel. Racy, complex and refined, with hints of mint, gunflint and redcurrant and raspberry fruit. The new oak adds a sheen of vanilla spice to the wine. Very long and complex. 2019-29

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

A marked step up from the Frantin Echézeaux (which frequently tends to be the case), this comes from two parcels, amounting to 0.25 hectares. Closed, sappy and focused, it's a wine that needs time in bottle to reveal its charms. Focused, long and spicy with textured tannins. 2022-30

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

Combining two parcels in the Clos, one high and one low, the Bichot holdings add up to 0.6 hectares. This is a bold, dense, slightly chunky expression of the Grand Cru, with plenty of colour, weight and fruit intensity supported by mineral acidity. 2020-29

**94****Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin, Vosne-Romanée PC Les Malconsorts**

Bichot owns 1.75 out of a total of 6 hectares of Les Malconsorts, with parcels in both the high and low parts of the Premier Cru. Chewy, dense and quite backward, this has a hint of reduction in barrel, but should flourish in bottle. Textured, sweet and smoky with lots of dark, brooding fruit sweetness. 2021-28

**94****Albert Bichot, Chambolle-Musigny PC Les Amoureuses**

Suitably pale and delicate in colour, this is a stylish wine from Chambolle's most refined Premier Cru. Fragrant, stylish and showing the sweetness that makes Pinotphiles swoon, it has subtle spice, notes of rose petal and peony and a long, refreshing finish. 2019-28

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

This may come from the heart of Nuits, but it has the sort of texture that wouldn't look out of place in the vineyards on the edge of Vosne. Spicy, rich and quite okay, with a hint of reduction, fine tannins and plenty of ripe plum and blackberry fruit. Aromatic and well balanced. 2019-26

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Other Côte de Nuits wines

- 93 Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Terrasses, Château Gris
- 90 Nuits-Saint-Georges, Domaine du Clos Frantin
- 94 Nuits-Saint-Georges PC Château-Gris
- 93 Nuits-Saint-Georges PC Chaînes-Carteaux
- 91 Morey-Saint-Denis PC Les Sorbets
- 92 Vosne-Romanée, Domaine du Clos Frantin
- 92 Chambolle-Musigny
- 92 Chambolle-Musigny PC Les Chabiots
- 93 Gevrey-Chambertin PC Lavaux-Saint-Jacques
- 92 Charmes-Chambertin GC
- 93 Echezeaux GC Domaine du Clos Frantin

Maconnais and Côte Chalonnaise

- 88 Mâcon-Lugny Les Charmes
- 92 Mercurey Les Champs-Michaux, Domaine Adélie
- 90 Mercurey En Pierre Millet, Domaine Adélie
- 92 Mercurey PC Champs-Martin, Domaine Adélie

Bourgogne

- 89 Bourgogne Chardonnay Secret de Famille
- 89 Bourgogne Pinot Noir Secret de Famille
- 89 Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits

Côte de Beaune reds

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**Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Pommard PC Les Rugiens**

Sourced only from Les Rugiens Bas, this is a classic Pommard in the sense that it has plenty of structure and tannic backbone, but the extraction is well handled, complemented by notes of violet, red berries and incense and a hint of iron. 2019-27

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**Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Corton GC Clos des Maréchaudes**

This comes from a poor, bony vineyard with very little topsoil, showing a lot of chalky freshness and grip. It's a scented, refined Corton with perfumed red berries, subtle oak, a touch of reduction and focused, tangy acidity. 2020-28

- 90 Savigny-Les-Beaune Les Picotins
- 91 Pommard Clos des Ursulines, Domaine du Pavillon
- 92 Volnay PC Les Santenots, Domaine du Pavillon
- 91 Aloxe-Corton PC Clos des Maréchaudes, Domaine du Pavillon

Côte de Beaune whites

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**Albert Bichot, Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet GC**

Made with purchased must, as opposed to grapes, this is showing quite a bit of oak at the moment, but has the weight, texture and chalky acidity to age well in bottle. Tarte tatin and vanilla spice notes are complemented by minerality and palate length. 2018-26

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**Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Meursault PC Charmes**

The three Bichot parcels are all located in Charmes Dessus. There's a touch of skin tannin here, giving the wine some grip and focus. The oak is well integrated, complementing the flavours of honey, pastry and baking spices and underscored by citrus-edged acidity. 2017-24

- 92 Corton-Charlemagne GC, Domaine du Pavillon
- 92 Beaune PC Clos des Mouches, Domaine du Pavillon
- 92 Chassagne-Montrachet PC Vide-Bourse
- 93 Meursault, Domaine du Pavillon