



2023 Chablis

The young and clearly talented régisseur (estate manager) Louis Gimonet described the 2023 growing season as one “where we didn’t really have any frost damage for once and happily, conditions for the flowering were essentially perfect so it passed rapidly during the first week of June. We also didn’t suffer any hail damage as we have thus far in 2024. We picked between the 12th and the 19th of September and while the harvest was warm, it wasn’t really super-hot. However, there was a storm on the 17th that was enough to change the quality of the fruit as wines made from fruit picked before the rain were definitely more interesting than those made from later-picked fruit. The fruit was beautifully clean and ripe with good but not excessive yields which for us ranged from 45 to 68 hl/ha. Potential alcohols were also good but reasonable at between 12.4 to 13.2% with higher pHs than normal as the musts contained more potassium than usual. As to the wines, it’s early to be opining but at this early stage they seem to be ripe, round and almost tender, perhaps somewhat like a more forward version of 2022.”

2023 Chablis Domaine Long-Depaquit: 87-89

Moderation reduction dominates the underlying fruit though there is good freshness and verve to the racier but not denser flavors that also conclude in a clean and dry finale. This is pretty. 2027+

2023 Chablis 1er Cru Les Lys Domaine Long-Depaquit: 88-91

Prominent aromas of petrol and quinine add breadth to the ripe apple, citrus and floral scents. I like the texture of the rich and caressing medium weight flavors that display fine length on the chalky, moderately dry and youthfully austere finale. 2028+

2023 Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaillons Domaine Long-Depaquit: 88-91

Hints of white pepper, anise and seaweed add interest to the aromas of poached pear and pretty white floral scents. The rich, generous and reasonably vibrant middle weight flavors exude a subtle bead of minerality on the attractively dry if mildly warm finale. This should be enjoyable young but a few years of keeping should help add depth. 2027+

2023 Chablis 1er Cru Montmains Domaine Long-Depaquit: 90-92

A discreet if still easily perceptible application of wood surrounds the even more floral suffused aromas of spice, white orchard fruit and just enough Chablis typicity to be convincing. The more refined and beautifully textured medium weight flavors possess better underlying tension as well as a lovely minerality that adds a sense of lift to the balanced finale where the wood flashed by the nose slowly reappears. 2028+

2023 Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaucopins Domaine Long-Depaquit: 90-92

Here there is better Chablis typicity in the form of quinine, petrol, sea breeze and citrus on the floral and pear-scented nose. The mouthfeel of the medium-bodied flavors is at once rich yet refined with good vibrancy while delivering fine length on the dry but not really austere finale. 2028+

2023 Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots Domaine Long-Depaquit: 91-93

Moderately firm reduction dominates the fruit today. By contrast, there is both a lovely sense of verve and a positively gorgeous texture to the refined middle weight flavors that possess fine mid-palate density as well as evident minerality on the sappy and solidly powerful finish that also reveals a touch of wood. Lovely and this is very Blanchots in character. 2031+

2023 Chablis Grand Cru Les Vaudésirs Domaine Long-Depaquit: 91-93

A pretty nose is comprised by notes of both white and yellow fruit, lychee, soft floral and ocean breeze wisps trimmed in subtle wood nuances. The succulent citrus and mineral-inflected middle weight flavors possess fine richness and a beguiling texture along with sneaky good length on the balanced and nicely dry finale. This is a combination of finesse and punch and a wine that should amply repay up to a decade of keeping. 2031+

2023 Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses Domaine Long-Depaquit: 91-94

Here too there is just enough wood to mention framing ripe aromas of smoky mineral reduction, prominent floral nuances and iodine whiffs along with a mentholated top note. The mouthfeel of the lilted medium weight flavors is also notably refined with equally good punch suffusing the admirably long and well-balanced finale. This is really quite classy and a wine that should age effortlessly over the next decade plus. 2033+

2023 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos Domaine Long-Depaquit: 91-94

Slightly more apparent if still subtle oak influence is present on the overtly floral-suffused nose where notes of lemongrass, mineral reduction, oyster shell and iodine add breadth. There is impressive volume to the powerful and delineated yet reasonably refined larger-bodied flavors that possess solid density while delivering excellent length on the bitter lemon, youthfully austere and balanced finale. At least moderate patience will be required as this is pretty tightly wound at present. 2033+

2023 Chablis Grand Cru Moutonne Domaine Long-Depaquit: 91-93

Moderate though not invasive oak influence still allows the overtly floral and softly exotic aromas that display only a modicum of typicity to be appreciated. There is both good precision and refinement to the attractively vibrant middle weight flavors that offer good power on the bitter zest-inflected finish where a touch of warmth slowly emerges. 2031+