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2015 Chablis



2015 Chablis - Domaine Long Depaquit: (87-89)

(100% stainless). A fresh and relatively airy nose is comprised by notes of ripe apple, pear and just enough Chablis typicity to distinguish this from being say from the Côte d'Or. There is excellent richness to the very round, supple and succulent flavors that possess solid mid-palate density before terminating in a refreshing if slightly warm finish. 2018+

2015 Chablis "Les Lys" - Domaine Long Depaquit: (89-91)

(from a 2 ha holding). Here the expressive floral, white fruit and oyster shell-suffused nose is cooler, airier and more elegant. The heightened sense of refinement continues onto the equally cool, refined and lilting flavors that exhibit a refreshing touch of salinity on the lightly stony finale. The natural finesse of Les Lys is definitely on parade even in a very ripe vintage like 2015. 2019+

2015 Chablis "Les Beugnons" - Domaine Long Depaquit: (89-91)

(from a 2.3 ha parcel). A ripe white and yellow orchard fruit nose has background notes of lychee, lemon and mineral reduction. The supple, round, forward and utterly delicious flavors possess an attractively textured mouth feel with enough cut and finishing energy to be interesting on the mildly citrus-inflected finish. This forward effort could easily be enjoyed young. 2019+

2015 Chablis "Les Vaillons" - Domaine Long Depaquit: (89-91)

(from a holding of 4.3 ha that is 90% from Epinottes with the balance from Séchet; 10% wood). A background note of mineral reduction can be found on the ever-so-slightly exotic nose that resembles a combination of the Les Lys and Beugnons. There is good punch as well as reasonably good detail to the essence of pear-inflected medium weight flavors that culminate in a lingering finish where nuances of both citrus and salinity arise. This too should drink well young. 2019+

2015 Chablis "Montmains" - Domaine Long Depaquit: (89-92)

(from .5 ha parcel in Forêts). This is slightly more elegant with ripe yet airy aromas of citrus, apple, tidal pool and white peach that complement the delicious, generous and sappy middle weight flavors that display more evident minerality on the nicely detailed and lemon-suffused finish. Like many of the wines in the range this is quite forward and should drink well very early. 2018+

2015 Chablis "Les Vaucopins" - Domaine Long Depaquit: (88-91)

(raised in ~15% wood). There is just enough wood to notice framing the ripe, fresh and expressive nose that consists of yellow orchard fruit, lemon rind, sea breeze and soft spice hints. There is excellent volume to the attractively textured and relatively lush flavors that display a touch of bitter lemon on the moderately complex finale. Once again this should be approachable young if that's your preference. 2019+

2015 Chablis "Montée de Tonnerre" - Domaine Long Depaquit: (90-92)

(100% from Côte de Bréchain). The generously wooded nose is oaked to the point that it displays vanilla notes and it's strong enough to fight somewhat with the pear and floral-scented aromas. The agreeably textured and more elegant middle weight flavors are dense to the point of being almost thick while the sappy, round and luscious finish coats the palate. Despite the description this is really quite classy if somewhat woody. 2019+

2015 Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots - Domaine Long Depaquit: (90-93) "Sweet spot wine"

(from a 1.5 ha parcel of 40+ year old vines; ~25% wood). Here too very generous wood fights with the otherwise fresh and pretty array of white flower, mineral reduction and sea breeze scents. Like the Montée de Tonnerre there is a relatively sophisticated mouth feel to the saline-inflected medium-bodied flavors that also possess fine mid-palate density, all wrapped in a slightly more complex and persistent finale. 2020+

2015 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos - Domaine Long Depaquit: (91-93) "Sweet spot wine"

(from a 1.5 ha parcel; ~35% new wood). Once again there is ample wood influence to the compositionally similar nose to the Blanchots where about the only difference is a more pronounced floral character. The palate impression of the slightly bigger-bodied flavors is even more refined with more minerality as well, particularly on the complex backend where a hint of bitter lemon arises on the youthfully austere finish. 2022+

2015 Chablis Grand Cru Les Vaudésirs - Domaine Long Depaquit: (90-92)

(from a holding of 2.6 ha; ~25% new wood; to my knowledge this is the only domaine that uses Les Vaudésirs in the plural). A ripe yet fresh nose combines notes of moderately exotic yellow orchard fruit, lychee and discreet nuances of algae and iodine. There is both excellent volume and richness to the caressing but lively flavors that possess solid density. 2020+

2015 Chablis Grand Cru Moutonne - Domaine Long Depaquit: (91-94) "Sweet spot wine"

(2.35 ha monopole that spans a parcel of vines situated in both Vaudésir and Preuses though 95% of it is in Vaudésir. The site is protected from the wind and often gives very ripe wines; ~25% new wood). Somewhat curiously given that most of this is from Vaudésir, the nose is markedly less expressive though with noticeably more Chablis character present on the green and yellow fruit and floral-scented aromas. Moreover the refined mouth feel of the relatively powerful medium weight flavors is noticeably tighter with plenty of punch that carries over to the beautifully long finish that really fans out as it sits on the plate. This will require a few years of bottle age to be at its best. 2021+

