



2022 Chablis

As I noted last year, long-time régisseur (estate manager) Matthieu Mangenot has been kicked upstairs as the saying goes to join the Bichot team in Beaune. He has been replaced by the young Louis Gimonnet, who took over the direction of the domaine as of July 2021. If the family name seems familiar to Champagne fans, it should as he is a member of the Gimonnet family. Gimonnet's take on the 2022 vintage was that the "growing season was much less complicated than that of 2021 though we did have four consecutive nights of frost that did cause some damage. What saved us is that the contre-bourgeois (base or secondary buds) developed, which wasn't the case in 2021. While the flowering passed reasonably well, the vines did suffer some shatter. Thereafter the summer was very hot and dry but in contrast to 2019 and 2020, we basically had very little sunburned fruit. Véraison was relatively homogenous, which obviously is a good thing from the standpoint of picking as one can go quickly due to the fact that the fruit is uniformly ripe. We picked from the 1st of September and the fruit could not have been cleaner, which also helped with respect to picking quickly. However, on the 4th it rained between 30 and 40 ml and it was remarkable how fast the vines took up the water and transferred it to the fruit. It was almost as though there were two different types of fruit, that picked before versus that picked afterwards and not surprisingly, they produced two different kinds of wine. That picked early had better acidities, potential alcohols and concentration while the later picked fruit was the reverse. Yields were good without being high and potential alcohols varied between 12 and 13.2%. As to the wines, they keep changing month by month and while I don't think 2022 is going to produce classic Chablis, they are utterly delicious and I suspect most of them are going to be enjoyed young for their seductive fruit."

2022 Chablis Domaine Long-Depaquit: 87-89

A ripe, fresh and bright nose features notes of various white orchard fruit, citrus and iodine. The rich, fleshy and plum middleweight flavors offer reasonably good depth and persistence on the clean, moderately dry and bitter lemon rind-inflected finish. This could be enjoyed young or aged for 4 to 7 years as desired. 2026+

2022 Chablis 1er Cru Les Lys Domaine Long-Depaquit: 90

A more elegant and more complex nose offers up its combination of sea breeze, just sliced apple, mineral reduction and hint of zest. There is again good richness and concentration to the medium weight flavors that conclude in a sneaky long and youthfully austere finish that delivers better depth. This isn't exactly classically styled but it's attractive all the same. 2027+

2022 Chablis 1er Cru Les Beugnons Domaine Long-Depaquit: 90

A slightly riper nose is otherwise quite compositionally similar to the Les Lys. The sleek and nicely detailed medium-bodied flavors also conclude in a youthfully austere finale where a touch of bitter lemon slowly emerges. This could use better depth but a few years of keeping should help. 2027+

2022 Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaillons Domaine Long-Depaquit: 91

Subtle but still perceptible wood is present on the aromas of prominent mineral reduction, white pepper and poached ripe pear. The super-sleek, delicious and vibrant middleweight flavors possess an unusually refined mid-palate mouthfeel that contrasts markedly with the borderline rustic if impressively long finish. This could also use more depth though again a few years of keeping should prove beneficial. 2027+

2022 Chablis 1er Cru Montmains Domaine Long-Depaquit: 90-93

There is a bit more wood influence on the slightly exotic nose of white peach and lychee with a pretty floral top note and just enough Chablis typicity to be interesting. The concentrated and tautly muscular flavors possess fine mid-palate density as well as outstanding length on the balanced and moderately dry finale. This possesses fine development potential and it is noticeably more structured than the Vaillons. 2030+





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2022 Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots *Domaine Long-Depaquit: 91-94*

Here too moderately generous wood is present on the ripe and layered aromas of pear confit, wet stone and the hallmark floral top notes. I very much like both the refined texture and intensity of the precise medium-bodied flavors that display focused power on the impressively long, balanced and dry finale. Fine potential here. 2030+

2022 Chablis Grand Cru Les Vaudésirs *Domaine Long-Depaquit: 92-94*

While hardly subtle, the oak regimen is a bit tamer on the pure, cool and elegant nose of ripe essence of pear, apple, spice and ocean breeze scents. The caressing yet quite intense middleweight flavors possess a lilting mouthfeel before culminating in an agreeably dry and overtly stony finale. This is excellent and as with all of the best examples of the appellation, a wine of finesse. 2030+

2022 Chablis Grand Cru Bougros *Domaine Long-Depaquit: 92-95*

Very generous wood openly fights with the exotic and ripe yet quite fresh nose that freely offers up a combination of white and yellow fruit aromas that are laced with hints of iodine, shellfish and mineral reduction. There is terrific, indeed almost painful, intensity to the bigger-bodied yet still refined flavors that exude an evident stoniness on the powerful and superbly long finale. This firm age-worthy effort is also excellent. 2032+

2022 Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses *Domaine Long-Depaquit: 92-95*

Here the wood treatment is far more subtle though again, by no means invisible on the cool, pure and unmistakably Chablis-like nose of quinine, petrol, spice, iodine and citrus confit aromas. Once again there is really beguiling texture to the succulent yet solidly intense and powerful medium-bodied flavors that deliver outstanding length on the youthfully austere, balanced and Zen-like finale. This too is quite impressive. 2032+

2022 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos *Domaine Long-Depaquit: 91-94*

Generous wood and vanilla nuances wood frame cool and exuberantly fresh aromas of citrus, apple and ocean brine. There is borderline painful intensity to the imposing and tautly muscular larger-scaled flavors that retain a lovely sense of refinement on the powerful, balanced, bone-dry and built-to-age finale. As is usually the case with this wine, it's going to require at least a few years of patience to develop better depth and better integrate. 2032+

2022 Chablis Grand Cru Moutonne *Domaine Long-Depaquit: 91-94*

More moderate wood influence more easily allows the softly exotic aromas of white and yellow peach, apricot and sweet almond paste along with limited Chablis typicity. The rich and quite full-bodied flavors also possess a beautiful texture that is succulent and generously proportioned while retaining good punch and balanced on the sneaky long finish. This is very much built-to-age and it's a wine with a proven track record for successfully doing so. 2032+

