



Neal Martin

2018 CHABLIS

The **2018 Chablis Les Beugnons 1er Cru** offers fragrant lime and Conference pear scents that gently unfurl in the glass. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, taut and crisp, not powerful but lightly spiced on the finish. This is a commendable Chablis to enjoy over several years. **91**

The **2018 Chablis Les Lys 1er Cru** is initially tight on the nose, giving way to light hazelnut and damp earthy scents that are nicely defined. The palate is very pretty and harmonious, with a keen thread of acidity, bright and citric, and a beautifully poised finish. An elegant Les Lys. **92**

The **2018 Chablis Les Vaillons 1er Cru** is precise and focused on the nose, this cuvée displaying a more noticeable oyster shell note, laced with citrus lemon and almond. The palate is well balanced. Good depth, and spicier than expected, especially on the persistent finish, which lingers in the mouth. Excellent. **92**

The **2018 Chablis Montmains 1er Cru** has a tightly wound nose that opens up to offer enticing Chinese white tea and light pressed flower aromas. This is very classy. The palate is taut and focused with citrus lemon and a touch of lemongrass on the entry. It is harmonious and displays fine poise on the finish. **92**

The **2018 Chablis Montée de Tonnerre 1er Cru** has a delineated bouquet of freshly squeezed lime, chalk and smoky aromas, this cuvée really exhibiting the terroir of the vineyard. The palate is well balanced with a steely opening, proceeding toward a very focused, citrus-fresh middle. Good tension here, and a lovely white pepper note that hangs around on the aftertaste. Superb. **93**

The **2018 Chablis Les Vaucopins 1er Cru** is quintessential Chablis on the nose of Granny Smith apples, petrichor and touches of pressed white flowers. The palate is vibrant and poised, presenting a citrus core of fruit surrounded by traces of blackberry leaf, ginger and dried quince. So much tension here! This is a great Vaucopins from the domaine. Superb. **93**

The **2018 Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru** has intensity and delineation, offering traces of orange peel, melted wax and light peppery aromas; plenty of vigor here. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, and nicely poised. The pretty clementine and white peach finish just needs a bit more bite. Drink over the next 12–15 years. **93**

The **2018 Chablis Les Preuses Grand Cru** has a generous bouquet, a little creamy in style, with light nutmeg notes percolating through the citrus fruit. The palate is well balanced with nicely integrated oak, a honeyed texture and traces of orange peel and pear toward the poised finish. **92**

The **2018 Chablis Bougros Grand Cru** has a nose not dissimilar to the Les Preuses, presenting candied orange peel, vanilla and almond notes and displaying moderate definition; the oak needs more time to assimilate. The palate is well balanced, with more bite and race than the Les Preuses, offering fine salinity and a touch of lemon and orange peel toward the finish. Enjoy this over the next 12–15 years. **93**

The **2018 Chablis Les Vaudésirs Grand Cru** has a well-defined nose with lightly honeyed fruit, touches of grilled walnut and a very subtle marine influence. The palate is well-defined, displaying crisp acidity, nice focus and admirable depth. It does not convey a great deal of mineralité or tension on the finish, but it feels harmonious and persistent. Overall, a thoroughly enjoyable Vaudésir. **93**

The **2018 Chablis Moutonne Grand Cru** has a delineated, crushed stone and lightly sea-influenced bouquet that gains intensity with aeration. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, elegant and poised, and the finest finish among the domaine's Grand Crus. There is a sense of energy here, and a great aftertaste. Excellent. **94**