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2016 CHABLIS

2016 Chablis Les Beugnons Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit (87-89)

Fruity on the nose, offering scents of lemon and orange zest, plus a hint of underripe pineapple. Supple and full on the palate, showing good breadth but only moderate depth. Conveys a lovely touch of sweetness to its mid-palate fruit and finishes with good length.

2016 Chablis Les Vaillons Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit (87-89)

Cloudy light yellow. Lemon zest and crushed rock on the nose. At once broad and juicy; drier and more classic than the Beugnons. Displays more dimension and incipient complexity (it's less simply fruity) but less filled in today. In an essentially round style, finishing with menthol and stone notes and surprising firmness.

2016 Chablis Les Montmains Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit (89-91)

Lemon and lime zest, white peach and powdered stone on the nose. Broad, dry and nicely delineated, with its fine-grained citrus zest flavors complicated by a light saline quality. Juicy and intense but not at all hard.

2016 Chablis Les Vaucopins Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit (89-92)

Tangy, fruit-driven aromas of lemon drop and orange zest complicated by a hint of spicy oak. Supple, easygoing wine with an attractive touch of sweetness but no weightiness to its soft citrus flavors. Clean and delicious already, this wine is likely to offer early pleasure.

2016 Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit (90-92)

Cloudy light yellow, like all of these samples. A step up in complexity from the premier crus, with lemon and lime aromas complicated by hints of quinine, ginger, menthol and minerals. Denser and more energetic too if still in a rather gentle style, with citrus and white peach flavors framed by harmonious ripe acidity. A floral nuance provides lift.

2016 Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit (90-92)

Very pure but restrained nose offers scents of white peach, lemon oil, spearmint and powdered stone, plus a hint of spices. Deeper and richer than the Blanchots but not showing quite as much personality or definition today. Less detailed but ultimately a broader-shouldered, larger-scaled wine, and less evolved today.

2016 Chablis Les Vaudésirs Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit (89-91)

Paler color than the Clos. Fresh scents of juicy peach, tangy spices, crushed stone and mint. Supple on entry, then a bit less intense in the middle palate than the Clos or Blanchots, showing moderate definition and depth to its lemon and menthol flavors. Finishes a touch dry but with good persistence.

2016 Chablis La Moutonne Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit (91-93)

Fuller cloudy medium yellow. Reticent nose hints at lemon, orange and anise, with an element of minerality providing lift. The broadest and richest of these young 2016s but not yet filled in, with yellow fruit and citrus zest flavors complicated by a sexy element of spicy oak. The tangy finish features a touch of youthful bitterness but spreads out nicely on the back end. This more serious grand cru will need time.