

# **CHABLIS 2018**

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### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Moutonne Domaine Long-Depaquit: 97

A subtle nose on this wine references chalk, lanolin and lemon, drawing you in with a promise of depth. Just as secretive, the palate presents pure lemon essence from its depths of chalkiness. The wine is concentrated and bright, with effortless elegance. We will have to wait for this profound yet restrained wine to reveal itself. Drink 2025–2040.

#### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Les Vaudésirs Domaine Long-Depaquit: 97

Bright, tender lemon and fragrant summer blossom give a sense of delicacy to this wine's chalky nose. The chalky, concentrated and textured palate is also pervaded by lemon zestiness that makes the mouth water. Yet the wine also has generosity and lovely balance. Richness and freshness are anchored in the stony depth of the wine, making it a joy to drink. Over the years the chalkiness will become even more pronounced. Drink by 2040.

## 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos Domaine Long-Depaquit: 97

Beautiful subtlety on this wine's nose recalls smoky lemon, citrus pith and molten candlewax. The palate also holds these notions, bolstering that lemony waxiness with thick, layered chalkiness and pithy, mouthwatering freshness. This is concentated and bold, offering energy and drive, with a contradictory heat emanating from a cool core. A compelling wine, it needs to calm down a little. Drink 2025–2040.

#### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses Domaine Long-Depaquit: 96

A touch of roast hazelnut lends richness to chalk and lemon on this wine's evocative nose. The palate also combines richness and freshness, bedded on a concentrated core of cool chalkiness. Lemon oil shimmers around the edges, as does a slightly pithy bitterness that makes the mouth water even more. This wine makes you want to delve into its untold depth. It is certain to reveal more and more of itself. Drink by 2040.

### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots Domaine Long-Depaquit: 96

This wine's nose opens with subtle apple freshness followed by lemon brightness. The palate immediately shows rounded, chalky depth, filling the mouth with chalky yeastiness that is brightened and cooled by lemon. The heat of 2018 is well managed in this elegant wine, expressed in juicy ease but anchored in cooling depth, with a subtle whisper of oak. Drink 2025–2040. EDITORS' CHOICE

#### 2018 Chablis 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Montée de Tonnerre Domaine Long-Depaguit: 94

Lifted and ethereal notes of dried and fresh lemon peel dominate this wine's open nose. On the palate, the focus shifts to a cool, intense, chalky core around which freshness and juiciness are bundled. This is concentrated and bright, carrying a cool, stony undertone. Drink 2025–2040. CELLAR SELECTION

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaucopins Domaine Long-Depaquit: 94

Hayflower blends with fresh moss on this wine's gentle nose. The palate adds ripe lemon freshness that is mouthfilling, smooth and textured with yeasty richness that is aligned to chalky depth. This is rounded but fresh, ripe but toned.

## 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Montmains Domaine Long-Depaquit: 93

Pear peel and lemon-rind notions on the nose of this wine have a slight overtone of passion fruit, signalling juiciness and ripeness. The palate presents a concentrated, textured body that unites power and ripeness, expressed by some warmth on the midpalate. This is mitigated by the grippy texture that lends harmony alongside ripe lemon freshness. This wine will benefit from bottle age, so drink 2024–2040.

## 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Les Lys Domaine Long-Depaguit: 93

Ripe Amalfi lemon peel shines subtly on this wine's friendly nose. On the concentrated palate that lemon note turns to zestiness, joined by a fuller, more textured notion of lemon peel. Cool, chalky concentration at the core of the wine lends soothing, intriguing depth. Despite the rounded richness there is ample, lasting freshness.

## 2018 Chablis 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Beugnons *Domaine Long-Depaquit:* 93

Notions of lemon, hayflower and lifted, dried lemon peel make for an aromatic, almost heady nose on this wine. The palate is concentrated and even bold. This big, full wine shows muscle and tone, but in an elegant fashion. Power is anchored in stony depth that lends cool freshness. This will be even better with bottle age. Drink 2024–2040.

#### 2018 Chablis 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Vaillons *Domaine Long-Depaquit:* **92**

The slightest flinty reduction accompanies ripe Mirabelle plum fruit on the nose of this wine. The palate is expressive in its juiciness, concentration and fresh core. It conveys cool freshness and a zesty texture along with a slightly creamy touch. Textured and vivid, the wine offers ripeness, generous structure and a dry finish.



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