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2022 Bourgogne : Chablis Tasting Notes



Domaine Simonnet-Febvre

Simonnet-Febvre has 47 acres (19ha) of its own vineyards in addition to purchasing fruit. Managing Director Paul Espitalié harvested in the first week of September. "We postponed the start of harvest as the yields were good and it needed a few days extra to ripen. It is a vintage that really shows the terroir of Chablis. The sensation of minerality helps to keep the sense of freshness, even though the acidity was not high. Unlike 2018, which reached 14% ABV, this was 12–12.5%. A good surprise from the vintage, despite the hot summer." There is no oak on the Left-Bank premiers crus and only 20% on the Right. "I want to keep the purity of terroir and the complexity, with the little differences we have in Chablis, and to keep the delicate flavors by not using much oak." In 2022, 35% of the Grands Crus are fermented and aged in oak, rather than 50% as for other recent vintages. "I did not want to add too much sugary taste to a ripe vintage."



Chablis Grand Cru Preuses 2022

This is a domaine wine. It's more exotic than their Clos. Greengage aroma, then a super succulent and juicy palate, which carries to a persistent and aromatic finish chased up with minerality. 2027–35.

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Chablis Grand Cru Blanchot 2022

Delicate, floral, crisp, and super-saline. I like the intensity, cold, mineral purity, and lively persistence. 2027–35. 93

Chablis 1er Cru Mont de Milieu 2022

“A touch of oak (20% not new) to give some complexity.” Stem ginger, honeyed aroma, with a rich, firm, and ripe palate. The oak works well by adding a little tannic bite and firmness to the rounded profile typical of this terroir and freshness to the finish. 2026–32. 90

Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Léchet 2022

From this stony terroir, a firm, fresh mineral wine, with almond bitterness and citrus notes and a firm finish. 2025–29. 87

Chablis 1er Cru Beauroy 2022

Slightly tropical pineapple aroma. Soft and full; juicy and spicy, with just a gentle touch of soft mineral and grapefruit to finish. 2024–26. 85

Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons 2022

Peachy aroma. Scented. This is a 30,000-bottle cuvée, which encompasses different *lieux-dits*, making it a good representative of this *climat*. Rounded and lightly plump, this has a sunnier feel than Léchet, but is more restrained than Beauroy. 2025–28. 86

