



Tasted with Paul Espitalié in
Chablis, with no heating, 23
January 2025.

Paul on 2024:

“Mont de Milieu 55 hl/ha – Preuses 8... 70% less than in 2023 – we had a lot of coulure here in 2024 – 10 hl/ha average. It was violent – some crus we just don’t have... And that was after making a contact treatment for the very first treatment of the year – it saved a lot of volume. We really touched on the limits of organic viticulture.”

Paul on 2023:

“Generous, sunny, charming and easy. We had more than in 2022, less than in 2018. We were in organic conversion so a nice easy year.”

The Wines...

Actually, one of the best tastings I’ve had of these wines in the region. A few were not at their best but many were super or even excellent wines – a great one sneaked in there too !!

Most of the whites are bottled, none of the reds at this stage. DIAM style seals for the Petit Chablis and the Chablis – the rest, including Chablis Cuvée 1840 are normal cork.

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Bourgogne Epineuil
2023

Not bottled.

Direct, perfumed, yes! Clean, mouth-filling – that's got a lovely flavour – not so concentrated but ultra-delicious...



Irancy 2023

This an assembly cuvée of many parcels.

A wider nose but just as perfumed – the red fruit more visible – less depth. Good scale and flavour energy – there's a bit more impact from the Epineuil but this is also very delicious with a small lick of finishing tannin and a vibration of finishing flavour!



Irancy Paradis 2023

Perfumed again, here with a modest oak filling in the deeper aromas. Large with more impact and depth of flavour. Oak spice and, perhaps, some fruit spice augmenting this finish. Super but wait 2 years before opening.



Irancy Les Mazelots
2023

Paler coloured. Vibrant, transparent red fruit – also some perfume – no overt barrel. Large scale flavours framed with a small tannin. Such depth of finishing flavour and lovely freshness to all these reds.

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Bourgogne Aligoté 2023

That's got a pretty and inviting nose. Clean, mineral, growing almost juicy in finishing style. Open and easy.



Saint-Bris 2023

Largest market for this is the US

It's sauvignon but with a suggestion of reduction more than an accent of mint. In the mouth this is melting and interesting. Well structured and delicious finishing.



Bourgogne Chitry 2023

Extra depth to this wine, a concentration and some rigour here – more suggested than delivered but the last flavours are delicate and tasty...



Petit Chablis Bio 2023

All contracts, principally from Lignorelles. More of this each year is classed as organic but not the full cuvée yet.

This nose has a slightly harsh reduction/minerality – freshening in the glass. Fine scale and energy in the mouth though – tastes really well too. Mouth-watering in the finish – very good!



Chablis Bio 2023

Grapes from Courgis, Prehy, Lignorelles – multiple locations.

A more panoramic nose – nice energy too – this is lovely. Mouth-filling quite classic style too with mouth-watering flavour, clarity and a good mineral base.



Chablis D1840 2023

Not yet bottled – the only white still waiting. Bottom of Chapelots under Montée de Tonnerre. – separate bottling for this since 2018. 25% élevage in barrel – 380-litre barrels

That's a lovely nose – clean and floral perfumed – it's very inviting. Mouth-filling – a little extra structure – but finely wrought. Long and strongly finishing too. That's an excellent wine!

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Chablis 1^{er} Cru
Beauroy 2023

Less width but lovely perfumed top notes with plenty of depth too. Cleaner, more incisive and mouth-watering – it's a proper step up in quality and already shows good Chablis style. Lovely wine !



Chablis 1^e Cru
Côte de Léchet 2023

Wide but more citrus aromatics than perfumed flowers for this one. I like the shape of this – it fills the mouth and the flavours are framed by a small chalkiness.



Chablis 1^{er} Cru
Vaillons Bio 2023

A stricter minerality in these aromas – faintly reductive. These aromas are reflected in the flavours too – I like the form and mouthwatering style – quite elegant – here – but this needs a carafe today – then it could be a super wine...



Chablis 1^{er} Cru
Montmains Bio 2023

A calmer width of aroma – nothing reductive – pretty but not so demonstrative. Beautiful width and clarity in the mouth – really pure and mineral. A wine that I would open a few hours before drinking now but it finishes with a chalky flavour again and is quite strict today – and I like strict !!



Chablis 1^{er} Cru Les
Forêts 2023

Here in the domaine since 2021, vines from the 1950s... Half barrel élevage for this.

Similar width but clearly more expressive it's a good invitation. Supple sinuous, darker flavours too (the wood most likely). A weight of finishing flavour. This could be super but I'd be thinking of waiting 5 years...



Chablis 1^{er} Cru
Fourchaume 2023

Multiple parcels including a mix of Côte de Fontenay and Homme Mort.

Another wine with a nice aromatic clarity. A width of aroma again – fresh yellow citrus. Hmm – that's quite direct and concentrated but with more than a suggestion of fluidity too. Mouth-watering. Beautifully finishing – certainly elegant – potentially a great one!

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Chablis 1^{er} Cru
Mont de Milieu 2023

1.3 ha here.

Perfumed again and there's depth to these aromas too. Energy, clarity – good mouth-filling energy. More concentrated in the finish – this needing to open out a little more but the base is here – give it 3+ years.



Chablis 1^{er} Cru
Montée de Tonnerre 2023

That's a very forward nose – lots of ripe but fresh citrus – maybe a hint of lime too. Extra volume and freshness – a bubbling, almost effervescent energy, finishing with a sweet width of flavour – perhaps the most persistent so far. I'd wait longer for this wine – 4-5 years...



Chablis Grand Cru
Blanchot 2023

Bottled last week. Half barrel élevage but never with new ones.

That's a deep nose – not reductive but with some barrel references. But fresh, indeed incisive, starting. Plenty of minerality – the flavours with the obvious touch of oak but I love the clarity, energy and style of this wine. I'd wait 5 years – it will be excellent...



Chablis Grand Cru
Les Clos 2023

Vines from the bottom of the hill.

A vertical nose of impressive depth and high tones – perfumed – not oaked. Scale in the mouth. That's really good – lots of complexity and good energy – but today I much prefer the mineral clarity that was on show in the Blanchots.



Chablis Grand Cru
Preuses 2023

Vines touching on Moutonne.

That's got really good scale – I see blue when I smell Preuses, my own personal synesthesia – and here it is. Large in the mouth with almost a hint of gas – but the minerality and clarity of the Blanchots with more intensity. The Blanchots is more 'together' today but this seems to have more in many directions. Simply excellent in 8-10 years...