

PRESS REVIEW

Vintage 2021

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CHABLIS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2021

Score: 90 Points

An aromatic wine for a regular Chablis, with plenty of fresh-lemon, white-peach and tarte-au-citron character. Cooler and crisper on the palate than the nose suggested, but that makes it very clean and refreshing. Good length, the finish nicely supported by a touch of tannin. Drink now.

SAINT-VÉРАН 2021

Score: 90 Points

There's plenty of ripe mirabelle and melon fruit here, but the acidity is quite crisp at the front of the medium-bodied palate. Good depth and length. A touch of positive tannin at the finish. From the northern part of this appellation, where the soils are quite similar to those of Pouilly-Fuisse. Drink now.

MÂCON-LUGNY LES CHARMES 2021

Score: 89 Points

Plenty of ripe mirabelle and apricot fruit gives this round and lively Macon plenty of appeal, and almost completely masks a hint of rusticity. You only feel it directly right at the finish, but this still has very satisfactory harmony, in fact it is very round. From the plateau of Macon-Lugny. Drink now.



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FLEURIE LA MADONE 2021

Score: 89 Points

A light-bodied Fleurie that's got plenty of pretty floral aromas, but also a gentle touch of tannin and a crisp stony acidity. Drink now while the red berry fruit is still lively.

MOULIN-A-VENT LE ROC DOMAINE DE ROCHEGRÈS 2021

Score: 90 Points

A solid Moulin-a-Vent that has the black fruit and delicate earthiness we look for in the wines from this appellation. Lively acidity on the quite bold palate. Long finish with plenty of licorice character. Drink or hold.

Tasted by Andy Howard MW

CHABLIS GRAND CRU LES CLOS Domaine Long-Depaquit: 94

Cool, understated with plenty of concentration and structure waiting to flesh out over the next three to five years. A restrained Les Clos with plenty of smoky characters emphasising the vibrant notes of orange zest on the palate. Very subtle wood adds to the complexity. A fine wine in the making and a very good result for new winemaker Louis Gimonet.

CHABLIS 1^{ER} CRU LES VAILLONS Domaine Long-Depaquit: 91

A fine blend of white peach and pear fruit on the palate, some lifted floral notes and plenty of drive on the finish. New winemaker here, Louis Gimonet, is bringing his own interpretation to this significant domaine, part of the important Bichot group. Should age well for three to four years.

CHABLIS 1^{ER} CRU LES LYS Domaine Long-Depaquit: 91

A plush, rounded Les Lys with plenty of acidity to keep the palate in check. Mineral notes on the finish. Plenty going on here - this wine will benefit from at least six months ageing in bottle as everything is still very primary. But there is no shortage of concentration and the wine will continue to develop well.



Tasted by Charles Curtis MW

MEURSAULT 1^{ER} CRU LES CHARMES Domaine du Pavillon: 92

The Charmes from Domaine du Pavillon is slightly closed at first but opens with time to show a lush, ripe fruit with more honeyed character than the village-level wine. The texture shows the concentration from the low yields (17 hl/ha) —it is dense with extract, but the acidity is concentrated as well, and the overall balance is vibrant and lively. The grapes come from three parcels that total 1.17 hectares, two in Charmes Dessus and one in Charmes Dessous.

MEURSAULT Domaine du Pavillon: 92

The village-level Meursault from Domaine du Pavillon boasts ripe aromas of quince, lemon peel, spice, and butter on the initial attack. The flavours continue with impressive definition and depth, leading to a remarkably well-balanced texture with fresh acidity, plenty of extract, and enough stuffing to carry it to a lingering finish. The grapes come from five parcels totaling 2.3 hectares, all located in the northern part of the village between the town and the border with Volnay.





Jancis Robinson MW

REDS

VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1^{ER} CRU LES MALCONSORTS Domaine du Clos Frantin 2021: 16.5+

Some real pace on this wine and quite a bit of tannin too. A little bitter on the end but good fruit on the way there.

VOSNE-ROMANÉE Domaine du Clos Frantin 2021: 16

Rich and solid – not quite as pacy as a typical Vosne. Some depth and pleasure here already.

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES 1^{ER} CRU CHÂTEAU-GRIS 2021: 16.5

Rich, layered, dramatic, verging on flashy! Lots going on here – who says Nuits is dull...?! Quite a powerhouse! Tannin currently in evidence but the fruit should come to the fore eventually.

CORTON GRAND CRU CLOS DES MARECHAUX Domaine du Pavillon 2021: 16.5++

Rich, dense and somehow rather sparkling-bright on the nose! The note of bitterness on the end is positive rather than negative in this case. But it tapers to a point on the end at the moment. Needs time.

BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR PINOT NOIR Domaine du Clos Frantin 2021: 16

Light and very much leaning in to the vintage character. There is some ripeness and even richness as well as the very modern transparency. Nice!

BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR PINOT NOIR SECRET DE FAMILLE 2021: 15.5

Sweet and seems a little simple after all the energy of the Moulin-à-Vent! But there is pure black-cherry fruit – less funky, and perhaps more mainstream, than the Clos Frantin counterpart.

MOULIN-À-VENT Domaine de Rochegrès 2021: 16.5

Eggy and lively with real punch, fruit and direction. Long, quite impressive.



WHITES

CHABLIS 1^{ER} CRU LES MONTMAINS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2021: 16

Bone dry and mineral – true to Chablis. A little riper than some, and maybe a little too ripe for Chablis purists?

CHABLIS GRAND Cru LES CLOS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2021: 16.5

Lots of edge and life with excellent energy and definition. Too young now.

Meursault 1^{ER} CRU LES CHARMES Domaine du Pavillon 2021: 16.5

Both rich and precise – well done! Lots of pleasure delivered. Definitely has premier-cru, if not grand-cru, weight. All stops pulled out for maximum impact and length.

Bourgogne CÔTE D'OR CHARDONNAY SECRET DE FAMILLE 2021: 16

Broad and creamy with a streak of lime to keep it zippy. Lots of acidity in here!

Bourgogne ALIGOTÉ CHAMP RENARD Domaine Adélie 2021: 16

Sufficient fruit and breadth on the palate – quite a surprise in fact! Grip and ripe fruit with a hint of passion fruit.

Mercurey LES CHAMPS-MICHAUX Domaine Adélie 2021: 16+

Lots of fruit here. With acidity and more precision than many Côte Chalonnaise whites.





Jasper Morris MW

2021, Clos-Vougeot Grand Cru, Domaine du Clos Frantin 93-95
The bouquet offers a mix of intelligent oaking with a certain amount of raspberry fruit. The detail, as ever in young Clos Vougeot, is more muted. Yet there is an impressive weight on the palate with a light pepperiness at the finish. I like the way the fruit builds towards the back, and this should emerge well hereafter. Drink from 2027-2033.

2021, Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Les Malconsorts, Domaine du Clos Frantin 93-95
Pure beautiful purple, with the nose of exceptional hedonistic class associated with this vineyard. One can detect the remains of a little reduction in the mouth, which holds it back a fraction at this stage, but this is still a really good wine underneath and will be thoroughly exciting. It has the Malconsorts magic. Drink from 2026-2032

2021, Vosne Romanée, Domaine du Clos Frantin 88-91
Quite an elegant bouquet, with perfumed alpine strawberries. This continues through on the palate, softly elegant, few tannins behind, will be ready relatively early, and attractive. Drink from 2025-2029.

2021 Chambolle-Musigny Les Chabiots 1er Cru 90-92
Rather attractively perfumed. Sensual red fruit in a softer style, a slight toughening of tannins behind, but the rest of the barrel maturation should sort that. Discreet yet charming finish. Should be good. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Pommard Les Rugiens 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon 90-93
There is a little more oak showing on the nose which holds the fruit back. However, it does emerge, especially on the mouth, and fills the mouth quite nicely in a similar flavour profile to Ursulines, perhaps a little more raspberry than cherry. Drink from 2027-2031.

2021, Pommard Clos des Ursulines, Domaine du Pavillon 89-91
An immediately delicious bouquet with some depth, ripe cherry and raspberry, very good. Enough structure to prove its Pommard origins but just the right amount of high class fruit alongside with fine acidity. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Aloxe-Corton Clos des Maréchaudes 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon 89-92
A slight coffee grain toasty reduction to the nose. Then more depth of red fruit on the palate. One expects suppleness in the Maréchaudes but the wood and or reduction has slightly tightened up the framework. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Bourgogne Côte d'Or Clos Frantin, Domaine du Clos Frantin 88
There is some weight of sound pinot fruit on the nose. In fact, I find an impressive depth in the mouth, strawberry with a touch of raspberry, and good acidity. Plenty to like here. Drink from 2024-2026.

2021, Meursault Les Charmes 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon 89-92
The bouquet is backward, but the fruit works well on the palate with good acidity to back it up. Quite full bodied, predominantly white fruit, a little citrus. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Meursault Domaine du Pavillon 88-90
A little touch of coconut on top of some fatter fruit. Significant density, good acidity, while the personality still awaits development, but this should make a sound full-bodied Meursault. Drink from 2025-2029.

2021, Nuits-St-Georges Les Terrasses, Château-Gris 88-90
Unusually, this is mostly Gobelet pruned though they are switching to Guyot with much better results. Fresh yellow colour, and once again quite oaky. The oak adds a lactic note to the palate. Plenty of fruit density too with a slightly spicy finish.

2021, Mercurey Les Champs Michaux, Domaine Adélie 86-88
There is some weight of fruit on the nose, and some oak. Fleshy with just a touch too much oak at the moment but this may be tidied up by the bottling.

2021, Bourgogne Chardonnay Côte d'Or Secret de Famille 87
In bottle. Relatively high-toned nose. Yellow and white fruit with a crystalline note to refresh the finish. There is good intensity here, they have worked hard to produce an impressive blend this year. Drink from 2024-2026.

2021, Bourgogne Aligoté Champ Renard, Domaine Adélie 87
In bottle. This is a softly perfumed Aligoté with peaches on the palate. Rather delicious, the acidity is folded into the generous weight of the (not frozen) fruit. Delicious, more than classical, though some more typical greengages return to finish. Drink from 2023-2026.





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2021, Chablis Moutonne Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

93-95

Clear bright lemon yellow. There is a weight here in quite a different style to the intensity of Les Clos. Really mouthfilling, with no feeling of a more difficult year. This year's Moutonne has a complex finish with generous white fruit, some citrus, just avoiding the vegetal, perhaps more Côte d'Or fruit weight, and very persistent. Extremely good. Perfect acidity as well. Drink from 2026-2033.



93-95

2021, Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

92-95

Mid yellow colour. White fruit infuses the bouquet. This has a classical Chablis structure, with intense kimmeridgian energy at the back. The fruit is medium bodied for Les Clos but the balance is perfectly in place and the finish pleasingly persistent. A step up here. Nervy lemons at the very back. Drink from 2026-2032.

2021, Chablis Les Vaudésirs Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

91-94

Pale primrose colour, a little more fruit showing, then greater generosity on the palate, and a well balanced mouthfeel ending in some saline notes at the back. There is adequate tension to support the fairly generous white fruit. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

90-93

Pure pale yellow. Not so much on the nose, light white fruit. Not so floral as Blanchots can sometimes be. Quite refined on the palate, linear rather than rounded, a light dash of citrus at the back, quite persistent. Drink from 2025-2029.



92-95

2021, Chablis Les Vaucopins 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

91

Pretty mid lemon yellow. There is a little more power to the bouquet, and fruit weight behind. Indeed, I can find a lot more on the palate. Juicy with some exotic aromatics, peaches and ripe pears, and then a fine clean finish with a light coating of minerals. More flesh than the stony Vaillons. Drink from 2024-2027.

2021, Chablis Les Vaillons 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

90

Fine pale lemon. The bouquet has a vegetal reduction which soon blow off to leave the stones beneath. Soft white fruit through the middle, then a more biting acidity, lightly lemon scented at the back. Will make a sound Vaillons for drinking moderately soon. Drink from 2024-2026.

2021, Chablis Les Beugnons 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

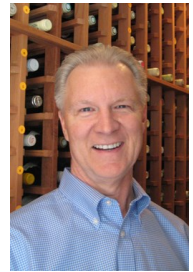
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Pretty mid lemon yellow. Quite perfumed with some citrus notes, and some lees feel. Pretty on the palate though softer than in a classic year. This Beugnons shows the priceless quality of making the palate salivate. Drink from 2024-2027.

2021, Chablis, Domaine Long-Depaquit

87

Mid lemon yellow. Properly Chablisian austerity on the nose and a suggestion of some fruit weight, a little bit leaner in the mouth, all made in tank but a light toasty feel nonetheless. Lemongrass notes, agreeable. Drink from 2023-2025.



2021 Chablis

Long-time *régisseur* (estate manager) Matthieu Mangenot has been kicked upstairs as the saying goes to join the Bichot team in Beaune. He has been replaced by the young Louis Gimmonet, who took over the direction of the domaine as of July 2021. If the family name seems familiar to Champagne fans, it should as he is a member of the Gimmonet family. Gimmonet's take on the 2021 vintage was, like most of his peers, that the "growing season was really complicated. A mild winter and early bud break were the perfect conditions for damage from an April frost and thus we protected the vines for 6 nights. Thereafter there were attacks of both mildew and oidium and because the summer was often wet, it made getting into the vineyards to apply treatments very tricky. Remarkably, we even had oidium post-véraison, which is unusual but even more unusually, it attacked the bunches which obviously makes sorting all the more difficult. September was sunny but maturities seemed largely stuck and we were then hit by an attack of botrytis, which was an increasing concern before we finally started picking on the 21st of September. We continued through to the 3rd of October where we finished up with our parcel of Blanchots. It was necessary to seriously sort and then press gently because the skins were so fragile from the botrytis. Pressing gently isn't really a problem but it does take more time and when you're in a hurry, it's an inconvenience if you don't have multiple presses. Then it was necessary to do an equally serious lees settling, which was complicated by the fragile skins which tended to break into small pieces. All of these factors contributed to yields that were only 30% of normal, which is to say that they ranged from 14 to 23 hl/ha. Overall, my take on the 2021s is that they are a work in progress because they change from month to month. Happily, they seem to be getting better, which bodes well for their ultimate quality."

2021 Chablis 1er Cru Les Lys *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (89-91)

A cooler nose reluctantly offers up its array of iodine, oyster shell, floral and much more discreet citrus wisps. There is good volume and richness to the vibrant and delicious medium-weight flavors where the more persistent, clean and moderately austere finish is also shaped by bright but not drying acidity. 2026+

2021 Chablis 1er Cru Les Beugnons *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (89-91)

A slightly riper nose flirts with exoticism in the form of white peach and lychee that adds breadth to the aromas of citrus confit and quinine. There is more volume and power though not the same finesse to the caressing and punchy flavors that also culminate in a clean, dry and solidly long finale. 2027+

2021 Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaillons *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (90-93)

Here too the expressive nose plays on the edge of exoticism though there is a bit more classic Chablis character present in the form of seashore, shellfish, white pepper and pretty floral wisps. The rich and generously proportioned medium bodied flavors possess a beguiling texture thanks to the abundant dry extract. It is promising and worth considering. 2028+

2021 Chablis 1er Cru Montmains *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (89-92)

This too displays a phenolic element to the citrus-inflected aromas of tidal pool, acacia and essence of pear. The generously proportioned flavors possess excellent volume before concluding in a caressing but punchy, stony and bitter lemon rind finish where a touch of wood slowly emerges. 2028+

2021 Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (90-93)

A somewhat troubled nose displays post-malo aromas of lactic and reduction. More interesting are the sleek, fresh, delicious and overtly mineral-driven bigger bodied flavors that exhibit fine length on the compact, primary and sneaky long finish. This too will undoubtedly benefit from additional *élevage* as it's promising. 2029+

2021 Chablis Grand Cru Les Vaudésirs *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (91-94)

This is also mildly funky aromatically while exhibiting an interesting touch of pineapple. Otherwise, there is almost painful intensity to the refined and beautifully delineated middleweight flavors that possess an almost delicate texture while terminating in a compact and primary finish where a touch of wood surfaces. This notably firm effort is already more complex than the Blanchot and a wine that should age well over the next decade. 2031+

2021 Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (91-93)

Here too the nose is somewhat difficult with its aromas of generous wood, menthol, lactic nuances and exotic fruit. The succulent, round and seductively textured flavors are delicious while the lingering and mildly warm finish is shaped by lemon-tinged acidity. This will need at least a few years to develop better depth. 2029+

2021 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (91-94)

An interesting and mildly atypical nose displays notes of orange peel, pineapple, oyster shell and wood nuances. The impressively concentrated and powerful broad-shouldered flavors possess excellent size and weight along with almost painful intensity on the bone-dry and hugely long finale. 2031+

2021 Chablis Grand Cru Moutonne *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (92-94)

A very pungent nose consists of firm reduction and wood toast. The larger-scaled and impressively rich flavors brim with dry extract that helps to buffer the notably firm acid spine shaping the bone-dry, austere and powerful finish. This too should age effortlessly over at least the next decade. 2031+



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