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4 STAR WINES

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED (cont'd...) ★★★★★



SIMONNET-FEBVRE, MONTMAINS (16.75)

£19

'Getting slightly honeyed, with a delicate steeliness. Lovely concentration, a powerful finish. Serious, ripe, minerally Chablis. The finish is terrific. From 2010.' (MR) **Stockists: CmM, FLD, FrF, PLG**



SYLVAIN MOSNIER, COTE DE LECHET (16.75)

N/A UK

'Classic nose of crushed shells, apple, honey and mineral. Lovely freshness and minerality, elegant, saline, pure. Very good vigour and length with a refined finish. From 2012.' (TM) **+33 3 86 42 43 96**



ALBERT BICHOT, DOMAINE LONG-DEPAQUIT, LES VAILLONS (16.67)

£18

'Bracing lime and mango. Suave, juicy, concentrated, mineral, classic in its vigor and reserve. Not super-expressive but firm and long. From 2012.' (SB) **Hsn**



DOMAINE BERNARD DEFAIX, LES LYS (16.67)

£16

'Assertive nose, pears, quite leesy. Good attack, with the acidity integrated into the fruit, firm and mineral, a touch austere which gives nutty complexity. Very good length. From 2017.' (SB) **F&R**

'What I look for in Chablis is that stoniness, that minerality, and a dynamic, bracing, refreshing quality. These 2008s have it in spades'

Stephen Brook



DOMAINE JEAN DEFAIX, FOURCHAUME (16.67)

£21

'Tight, citrus fruit and a big finish, very fine and long. Will be very good. Steely, floral and very promising. Very long finish. From 2010.' (MR) **Bib**



DOMAINE SEGUINOT-BORDET, VAILLONS (16.67)

£19.95

'Fine white fruit florality. Really good fruit, showing ripeness and natural acidity in perfect balance. A slightly honeyed middle and stony purity at the end. From 2010.' (SS) **BBR**



GAUTHERON, VAUCOUPIN (16.67)

£18

Spicy, lime and fresh pear nose. Medium-bodied, but concentrated; has precision. Suave, sleek and still tight – not a big wine, but bracing and elegant, with a dry, mineral finish. Good length. From 2016.' (SB) **ELL, Whd**



SIMONNET-FEBVRE, MONT-DE-MILIEU

£21

'Real presence on nose: fresh, ripe fruit, steely acidity, long and fine. The grip and character grabs your attention. Subtle power, yet fine harmony. From 2012.' (ME) **Han**



DOMAINE DES MALANDES, VAU DE VEY (16.63)

£15–£17

'Good, fleshy, floral white fruits. Fine ripeness and balance, very attractive purity and length. Very good Chablis. From 2010.' (SS) **Hrs, LDr, OWC, Wis**



DOMAINE JEAN-PAUL & BENOIT DROIN, FOURCHAUME (16.63)

£18.50–£23.49

'Very expressive, forward nose. Huge acidity, lots of fruit, big expressive style. Long, lingering finish. From 2010.' (VS-C) **DDi, Snt**



LUPE-CHOLET, CHATEAU DE VIVIERS, VAUCOPINS (16.63)

£20

'Very firm, closed, stony nose at present. Tight-knit and not very expressive, but the potential is there. Great elegance. From 2015.' (RG) **ChR**

4 STAR WINES

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED (cont'd...) ★★ ★★



ALBERT BICHOT, DOMAINE LONG-DEPAQUIT, LES LYS (16.5)
£17.40 🍷

'Mellow berry and citrus fruit nose. Appealing, round, lemon pie-like palate. Juicy and ripe fruits with chunky acid underneath. Smooth texture, long finish. From 2010.' (VS-C) **Stockist: SWS**



ALBERT BICHOT, DOMAINE LONG-DEPAQUIT, LES VAUCOPINS (16.5)
£20 🍷

'Yeasty nose – almost beer-like. Pure fruit palate with ethereal weight. Smooth texture, lovely ripeness, excellent balance. Effortless. From 2010.' (BB) **Hsn, SWS**



DOMAINE CHANSON PERE & FILS, MONTEE-DE-TONNERRE (16.5)
£25 🍷

'Good, tense fruit and acidity, but still quite closed. True, bright minerals and oyster shell marine flavours. There is some complexity and structure, without being burly. From 2012.' (ME) **Men**



DOMAINE CHRISTOPHE & FILS, FOURCHAUME (16.5)
£15 🍷 £

'Appealing, expressive, aromatic nose. Firm, fruit-driven palate with classic apple, mineral and citrus notes, excellent balance of acid and fruit. Long finish; great potential. From 2010.' (VS-C) **ABt**

'You have to buy premier cru to get proper Chablis, and at the top end you do get value for money. These are terroir wines'

Margaret Rand



DOMAINE FAIVELEY, VAILLONS (16.5)
POA 🍷

'Smoky, slightly reduced nose. Lots of concentration here. Great mineral notes, good acidity, focus and length. Fine intensity and structure, needs time. From 2013.' (TM) **MMD**



DOMAINE JEAN-PAUL & BENOIT DROIN, VAILLONS (16.5)
£16–£20.49 🍷 £

'Forward peach, mineral and lime nose. Juicy, bright palate with good intensity of ripe fruits and minerals. Refreshing, crisp and good length too. From 2010.' (TM) **Arm, DDi, Gdh, Rae, SHW, SWC, WBr**



DOMAINE JEAN-PAUL & BENOIT DROIN, VOSGROS (16.5)
N/A UK 🍷

'Bright, fresh nose of crisp pears. Concentrated, juicy, mouthwatering acidity. Tangy and lively, has purity and flair. Fine balance and length. Very stylish. From 2016.' (SB) **www.jeanpaul-droin.fr**



ISABELLE & DENIS POMMIER, COTE DE LECHET (Tank sample) (16.5)
£16 🍷 £

'Good core of smoky, vibrant fruit. Lovely and steely. Serious Chablis – very mineral, with a long, long finish. From 2010.' (MR) **L&S, PrC**

RECOMMENDED ★★ ★★

Wine name	Price	Tasting note	Drinkability	Stockist	Mean score
Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit, Forêt	£18.50	'Focused nose of citrus and mineral. Elegant, taut, but with good flesh, toast, smoke, mineral flavours. Concentrated finish. From 2011.' (TM)	🍷	Lai	16.38/20
Daniel Dampé & Fils, Côte de Léchet	£17.50–£17.65	'Citrus, green fruits, nettles. Shy now, taking its time. Bright fruit and minerals, forward, tense and brisk. A keeper. Elegant. From 2012.' (ME)	🍷	B&J, HoT	16.38
Domaine Vincent Dampé, Les Lys	£18.59	'A hint of honey. Good acidity, with an underlying richness, youthful. Should develop well. From 2012.' (RG)	🍷	C&B	16.38
Jean-Marc Brocard, Montée-de-Tonnerre	POA	'Cool and mushroomy. Spritzy. Concentrated, stony, savoury acidity, firm, with good length. Interesting, longer term. From 2012.' (BB)	🍷	www.brocard.fr	16.38
Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit, Montée-de-Tonnerre	£18	'Intense, stony, mineral nose, with ripe tropical fruit and vanilla. Rich, broad palate. Refreshing citrus acidity. Long. From 2010.' (VS-C)	🍷	Hsn	16.33
Domaine du Château du Val de Mercy, Côte de Jouan	N/A UK	'Lime and tropical fruit. Rich, weighty, firm acidity. Pungency on the mid-palate. Powerful and structured. Good length. From 2017.' (SB)	🍷	www.valdemercy.com	16.33