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GRANDS VINS DE CHABLIS

# Burgundy 2016 - Special Report

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## TASTING NOTES

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### WHITES

#### **Chablis Grand Cru, Les Clos - 96**

Fèvre's enviable holdings in this most prestigious of Chablis' seven Grands Crus cover 4.14 hectares, mostly in the upper part of the slope. This is a superb expression of the site, combining richness and concentration with pithy, zesty acidity and an undertone of wood. Complex, elegant and built to last. Old vine concentration at its best, allied to a very sure touch in the cellar. 2020-28

#### **Chablis Grand Cru, Bougros - 95**

One of two Bougros bottlings chez Fèvre, this comes from a Grand Cru that is often underestimated, partly because few big names have vines there. Showing a note of gunflinty reduction, it's a subtly wooded expression of its terroir with a salinity and focus that's more common in neighbouring Preuses. Classy winemaking. 2018-26

#### **Chablis Grand Cru, Bougros Côte de Bouguerots - 95**

Three producers in Chablis bottle wine under this label (or a slight variation of its spelling). Generally considered the best bit of Bougros, it's located close to the river and has corresponding freshness. Flinty and aromatic, this has some of the power and weight of the Grand Cru, but finishes with a swagger of acidity. Sure to age well in bottle, this is a good Chablis to slip into a blind tasting. 2019-26

#### **Chablis Grand Cru, Les Preuses - 95**

Two parcels of Les Preuses go into this bottling - one facing east and one south-west - making 2.5 hectares in all. The result is compellingly harmonious, showing the sap and vivacity that are typical of the Grand Cru. Refreshing and saline, it's a pleasure to drink young but will age extremely well with a salty tang that lingers on the palate. 2019-28

#### **Chablis Grand Cru, Vaudésir - 95**

This parcel on the south-facing side of the Vaudésir amphitheatre is nearly always picked first at the domaine to preserve some zip. It always produces a richer, even exotic style with more alcohol than the other Grand Cru bottlings. But the acidity is higher and more refreshing than it was in the 2015, complementing the weight of the wine and the understated oak. 2018-22



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### **Chablis Premier Cru, Vaurent - 95**

Vaurent is the only one of the Premiers Crus that touches the Grands Crus and its class is often apparent on the nose and palate. There was no Fourchaume bottling in 2016 - frost did its worst - but this is a brilliant expression of one part of the Premier Cru. Rich, peachy, yet well balanced, it has enough texture to balance the 50% barrel fermentation, underpinned by acidity. 2018-24

### **Chablis Grand Cru, Valmur - 94**

Something of an anomaly in Valmur, in that it is situated on top of the Grand Cru rather than on a slope, this is one of the few Fèvre wines that always see 100% wood. Didier Séguier calls the terroir "austere" and you can see what he means. It's a powerful, dense, appealingly toasty white with a tapering, crunchy, iodine-scented finish. 2018-26

### **Chablis Premier Cru, Les Lys - 94**

In years when the summer temperatures are high, the wines from this impressive and—rare for Chablis - north-east facing left bank Premier Cru are worth seeking out for their freshness and bite. This comes from one hectare of 65-year-old vine and is typically saline and intense, with a mineral frisson and an undertone of wood spice. 2018-26

### **Chablis Premier Cru, Montée de Tonnerre - 94**

Combining as it always does fruit from five parcels in the lieux-dits of Bréchain, Pied d'Aloup and Chapelots, Fèvre's bottling sees 60% stainless steel fermentation to retain fruit purity and zip in a warmer site. This is appealingly taut and focused, showing subtle vanilla spice, notes of pear and citrus and a crunchy, refreshing finish. 2018-24

### **Chablis Premier Cru, Beauroy - 92**

### **Chablis Premier Cru, Mont de Milieu - 93**

### **Chablis Premier Cru, Montmains - 93**

### **Chablis Premier Cru, Vaillons - 93**

### **Chablis Champs Royaux - 89**

### **Petit Chablis - 88**