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### **2018, Chablis Fourneaux 1er Cru, Samuel Billaud** ..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 91-94

Clear pale colour, a pure fresh chalky nose, very much white fruit. Then a surprising intensity leaps out behind, a lovely coating of velvet fruit, on a perfectly steely base. This less well known 1er cru is looking very good this year. It has retained its tension which Samuel Billaud thinks is the plus point for the right bank this year.

### **2018, Chablis Les Vaillons Vieilles Vignes 1er Cru, Samuel Billaud** ..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 92-94

Located in the middle of Vaillons. A saline touch to the nose, verbena too, with some firm acidity behind and a touch of youthful bitterness. Holds well at the back. The old vines help produce a wine of impressive intensity.

### **2018, Chablis Mont de Milieu 1er Cru, Samuel Billaud** ..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 91-94

Clear pale lemon. There is some volume of fruit here, fully ripe and the first to be picked. The front half of the palate is generous with yellow fruit, then it is clear and pure behind, stony and chiselled. Needs more time to come together. Very intense though. Impressive and certainly doesn't lack concentration.

### **2018, Chablis Montee de Tonnerre 1er Cru, Samuel Billaud** ..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 92-95

We tasted the tank component which will be blended with some barrels later. Bright pale colour, the nose is well balanced and quite discreet. Strict and stylish, with good weight behind, but very much on the mineral end rather than the sun trap style. Very long and pure, extremely successful.

### **2018, Chablis Montmains 1er Cru, Samuel Billaud** ..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 92-94

From 40 year old vines in the middle of the appellation. Pale lemon colour. A more sensual nose than is usual perhaps and not much reduction. But there is a stony refinement on the palate, then some quite ripe fruits, a little orange zest, before the marine finish. Plenty of zip at the finish.

**2018, Chablis Sechets Vieilles Vignes 1er Cru, Samuel Billaud**..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 90-93

This shows the sunshine somewhat, less obviously Sechets than usual on the nose, while the mouth shows excellent backbone, classic Chablis but with a fleshier, almost buttery coating, which is less typical. Salty butter that is. Good length it must be said.

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**2018, Chablis, Samuel Billaud**..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 90

Samuel Billaud's Chablis is blended from Les Pargues, Bas de Chapelots and 80 year old vines is Les Quarts, one third of each. Pale in colour, this is impressively chiselled on both nose and palate and has a fine feeling of concentration. It boasts a steely finish, enjoying a perfect fruit and acid balance.

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**2018, Petit Chablis, Samuel Billaud**..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 88

This comes from the sector of Petit Chablis on top of the hill above Les Clos. Pale yellow, with a fine clean pure and balanced bouquet. The wine fattens out a touch at the finish but has not lost its Chablisian character, offering a stony finish surrounded by a wealth of fruit. Hard to do better.