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2018 Samuel Billaud • Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir : 95

Another brilliant wine from Billaud is the 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir, a beautiful cuvée that wafts from the glass with scents of citrus zest, crisp orchard fruit, freshly baked bread, honeycomb and dried white flowers. Full-bodied, satiny and incisive, it's layered and complete, with fine depth at the core, racy acids and a long, elegantly perfumed finish.

Drink Date: 2023 - 2043

2018 Samuel Billaud • Chablis Grand Cru Blanchot : 94

Mingling aromas of orange oil and confit lemon with notions of crisp green orchard fruit, wet stones and nutmeg, the 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Blanchot is full-bodied, textural and incisive, with racy acids, fine depth at the core and a long, saline finish. Less overtly muscular than the super-concentrated 2017, the 2018 reflects a vintage spared by frost.

Drink Date: 2023 - 2040

2018 Samuel Billaud • Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos : 94

The 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos has turned out very nicely, unwinding in the glass with aromas of ripe orchard fruits, citrus oil, freshly baked bread, dried white flowers and beeswax. Full-bodied, deep and layered, it's textural and multidimensional, with fine depth at the core, ripe but racy acids and a long, saline finish.

Drink Date: 2023 - 2040

2018 Samuel Billaud • Chablis 1er Cru Séchet Vieilles Vignes : 93+

The 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Séchet Vieilles Vignes is a worthy successor to the superb 2017 rendition, delivering aromas of crisp orchard fruit, crushed chalk, white flowers and fresh bread. Medium to full-bodied, layered and incisive, it's concentrated and penetrating, with racy acids and a long, chalky finish.

Drink Date: 2022 - 2040

2018 Samuel Billaud • Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses : 93

Wafting from the glass with inviting aromas of orange oil, citrus blossom and nutmeg, the 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses is full-bodied, satiny and sensuous, with an enveloping core of fruit, racy acids and a long, mineral finish. This is another beautiful wine from Samuel Billaud, and it's already quite demonstrative.

Drink Date: 2020 - 2035

2018 Samuel Billaud • Chablis 1er Cru Fourneaux : 92

The 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Fourneaux has turned out beautifully, wafting from the glass with notes of citrus oil, fresh peach, beeswax and subtle hints of oyster shell. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and layered, it's bright and precise, with a nicely concentrated core of fruit, racy acids and a long, penetrating finish.

Drink Date: 2021 - 2038

2018 Samuel Billaud • Chablis 1er Cru Les Fourchaumes : 92

The 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Les Fourchaumes has turned out beautifully, mingling aromas of Meyer lemon and crisp green orchard fruit with hints of beeswax and citrus blossom. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and enveloping, it's textural and incisive, with tangy acids and a fleshy core of fruit.

Drink Date: 2020 - 2035

2018 Samuel Billaud • Chablis 1er Cru Mont de Milieu : 92

The 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Mont de Milieu is also performing very well, unwinding in the glass with scents of citrus oil, spring blossom, crisp green orchard fruit and grapefruit. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and incisive, it's nicely concentrated, with a tightly wound core, racy acids and a long, beautifully defined finish. This has turned out beautifully.

Drink Date: 2022 - 2038

2018 Samuel Billaud • Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre : 92

The 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre offers up aromas of crisp orchard fruit, honeycomb, pear and dried white flowers, followed by a medium to full-bodied, bright and incisive palate with a delicately textural attack and a tightly wound core. Still youthfully reserved, this vibrant wine will reward a little bottle age.

Drink Date: 2022 - 2038

2018 Samuel Billaud • Chablis 1er Cru Montmains : 91

Aromas of minty pear and crisp green apple mingle with hints of spring blossom and white peach, introducing the 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Montmains, a medium to full-bodied, elegantly ample wine that's vibrant and fine-boned, with a satiny attack and a delicate core of fruit.

Drink Date: 2020 - 2033

2018 Samuel Billaud • Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons Vieilles Vignes : 91

Pretty aromas of crisp green orchard fruit, dried white flowers, oyster shell and orange introduce the 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons Vieilles Vignes, a satiny, medium to full-bodied wine that's bright and incisive, with racy acids and a chalky finish.

Drink Date; 2021 - 2035

2018 Samuel Billaud • Chablis 1er Cru Butteaux : 90

Tightly wound after its recent bottling, the 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Butteaux exhibits aromas of crisp orchard fruit, citrus oil and struck match. Medium to full-bodied, tensile and delicate, I suspect it will flesh out considerably after a year or two.

Drink Date: 2022 - 2035

2018 Samuel Billaud • Chablis Villages: 90

Aromas of citrus zest, pear, white flowers, crisp green apple and oyster shell introduce the 2018 Chablis Villages, a medium to full-bodied, satiny and seamless wine that's elegantly textural and incisive, with racy acids and a layered core of fruit. This is a terrific example of the appellation and well worth seeking out.

Drink Date : 2020 - 2035

2018 Samuel Billaud • Petit Chablis: 88

Exhibiting pretty aromas of crisp green apple, citrus zest and fresh white peach, the 2018 Petit Chablis is medium to full-bodied, satiny and incisive, with a charming core of fruit, racy acids and a penetrating finish. Seamless and expressive, this is an immensely appealing wine that comes warmly recommended.

Drink Date : 2020 - 2033