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## Chablis 2023: Vintage report and best of the new wines

Variable weather made it challenging at times, but a late hot spell came to the rescue, resulting in plenty of good wines for drinking and for keeping. Having tasted almost 400 Chablis 2023 wines, our expert selects 30 of his favourites.

### Chablis 2023 great buys: Charles Curtis' picks

#### CHABLIS GRAND CRU MOUTONNE Domaine Long-Depaquit

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Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW  
(at Chablis, 23 Sep 2024)

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Drinking Window: 2028 - 2045

This classic wine boasts moreish aromas of Mirabelle plums touched with honey, 'the beginning of apricot and quince' according to director Louis Gimonet. The palate has marvellous concentration and depth of flavour, balanced acidity and superb elegance and finesse. This unique 2.35ha monopole lies in an amphitheatre, mostly in Grand Cru Vaudésir but overlapping into Les Preuses. The grapes are hand-harvested, gently crushed, fermented in stainless steel tank and old cask (25%) before an extended maturation.



#### CHABLIS 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU LES BEUGNONS Domaine Long-Depaquit

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Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW  
(at Burgundy, 15 Oct 2024)

Drinking Window: 2028 - 2045

Engaging ripe melon and pear aromas mark this seductive premier cru from Long-Depaquit. The wine is approachably elegant, with a soft, silky texture and a plump feel on the palate. The grapes are from 2.2ha at the base of the left-bank premier cru which forms part of Vaillon. The location higher on the slope in marl and clay soils accounts for the richness of this bottling; the grapes are lightly crushed and fermented exclusively in tank.

