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Domaine Billaud-Simon

2011 Chablis "Montée de Tonnerre" 1er ♥

1er Cru White barrel

Score: **91-94**

Tasted: Sep 10, 2012

Drink: 2018+

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Sweet spot Outstanding

Note: from a 2.5 ha parcel of 35+ year old vines - two thirds of the blend is from Chapelot and the remainder from Pied d'Aloup

Producer note: Bernard Billaud, just as he did in 2010, called the 2011 vintage "a complete classic. If the wine school textbooks had a description of what classic Chablis is supposed to smell and taste like, then both 2010 and 2011 produced it. The wines are elegant, very fresh and possess a wonderful sense of tension and drive. I suppose if I had to choose, 2010 is slightly more classic but really, we're splitting hairs. From the standpoint of making a comparison with another recent vintage, I would characterize 2011 as being more like 2008 than 2010, which itself is perhaps more like 2007. The fruit was exceptionally clean and quite ripe as there was no chaptalization. Overall, I think people will love 2011 as the wines will drink well early but should also age beautifully if desired." As to the now in-bottle 2010s, they have fulfilled everything that I saw last year and then some. In sum, they are seriously impressive wines and well worth your attention. (Langdon-Shiverick, www.shiverick.com, Cleveland, OH; H & H Bancroft Wines, www.bancroftwines.com, Berry Brothers & Rudd, www.bbr.com, Charles Taylor Wines, E-mail: charles@charlestaylorwines.com, Robert Rolls & Co., www.robertrolls.com, Goedhuis & Co., www.goedhuis.com and The Wine Society, www.thewinesociety.com, all UK).

Tasting note: A beautifully nuanced and layered nose offers up notes of mineral reduction, citrus and high-toned white flower perfume. The rich, intense and ultra-pure flavors glide across the palate to deliver the same terrific depth on the strikingly long finish as the nose originally promised. This is first rate.

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