

# Samuel Billaud

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## PROFILE

Part of an esteemed Chablis family, Samuel Billaud struck out on his own in 2009 to found his eponymous domaine. He had previously been the winemaker at Domaine Billaud-Simon, which had been a shining light in the old school Chablis clubhouse of quality. Since the creation of his own label, Samuel has met with great success and moved into a new winery space in 2015 as well as purchasing four hectares of vines that had previously belonged to Domaine Billaud-Simon. This is top quality Chablis from a rising star producer – for white Burgundy lovers, these are not to be missed.

92 pts Vinous, 2106 vintage: “The 2016 Chablis Mont de Milieu 1er Cru was harvested between 25 and 30hl/ha, with 20% aged in wood the rest in stainless steel for 18 months. The slightly longer élevage engenders a more complex bouquet than the Montée de Tonnerre with yellow fruit, green apple, chalk and light musky scents that are very well defined. The palate is very well delineated with a crisp bead of acidity, poised and saline in the mouth and just when you think it will fan out, it segues into a linear and classically lined, understated finish. Excellent.” (NM)



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Wine:** Chablis 1er Cru “Mont de Milieu”

**Varietals:** 100% Chardonnay

**Appellation:** Chablis 1er Cru AOC

**Exposure:** Southeast

**Soil:** Clay-limestone Kimmeridgian marls

**Vineyard Age:** Planted between 1970 and 1975

**Pruning:** Guyot double

**Harvest:** Manual and mechanical

**Agricultural Method:** Sustainable, Organic 

**Vinification:** Pneumatic pressing, cold settling. Alcoholic fermentation in 80% thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks and 20% in 600 liter casks. Aging on fine lees.

**Alcohol:** 12.5%

**Tasting Notes:** With 20% of the wine seeing some oak aging, this wine has some richer tones and complexity. Riper notes of tropical fruit and ginger spice are balanced by a hint of smoke. Pair with smoked oysters or pan-fried scallops.



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