



2011 Billaud-Simon Petit Chablis

A Chardonnay Dry White Table wine from Chablis, Burgundy, France

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Rating: 87

Drink 2012 -

Cost:

The 2011 Petit Chablis is direct, expressive and quite pretty. It is one of the more vibrant, steely 2011 Petit Chablis I have tasted thus far. Dried pears, crushed flowers and licorice are layered into a nuanced finish. Anticipated maturity: 2012+. (Not yet released) Bernard Billaud told me he views 2011 as a classic Chablis vintage, one of the few producers who holds that view. The growing season got off to an early start, with flowering that was three weeks ahead of schedule. The harvest began on September 10, as opposed to late September/early October, which is much more common. I tasted most of the 2011s from tank and/or barrel, except the Petit Chablis and Chablis, which were bottled in May 2012. Always eloquent, Billaud describes 2010 as a 'grand millésime.' Vintage 2010 at the domaine was characterized by a rainy summer with little heat. On average, yields were down 25%. Billaud bottled his 2010 grand crus in May 2012. Importer: Langdon Shiverick, Los Angeles, CA; tel. (213) 483-5900
