



## **2011 Billaud-Simon Chablis Montee de Tonnerre**

A Chardonnay Dry White Table wine from Montee de Tonnerre, Chablis, Burgundy, France

Review by Antonio Galloni

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Rating: (91-93+)

Drink 2013 -

Cost:

Billaud-Simon's 2011 Chablis Montee de Tonnerre impresses for its taut, vibrant personality. There is a crystalline purity and vibrancy to the fruit that is immensely appealing. Saline notes frame the long, pointed finish. This is pure Montee de Tonnerre, and needless to say a terrific effort. Anticipated maturity: 2013+. (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

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