



## **2011 Billaud-Simon Chablis Preuses**

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

Review by Antonio Galloni

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Rating: (92-94)

Drink 2014 -

Cost: \$53-\$68

Implosive energy is one of the main themes in the 2011 Chablis Les Preuses. The wine possesses striking minerality and richness to match its pointed, vibrant personality. This super-classic Preuses boasts gorgeous length, minerality and sheer classiness. White peaches, pears, spices and flowers wrap around the delineated finish. Anticipated maturity: 2014+. (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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