



WILLIAM FÈVRE CHABLIS 2018

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William Fèvre's wijnmaker Didier Séguier over zijn vintage 2018:

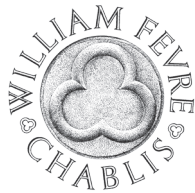
“2018 vintage is a wonderfully mature vintage blending richness and fruitiness - which is sure to be a crowd-pleaser. A season free from frost and hail together with a hot, dry summer meant that our grapes had already ripened beautifully by early September [...] Yields were excellent, with high levels of ripeness and outstanding grape quality.”

Robert Parker proefde de wijnen van William Fèvre al in augustus 2019.

Zijn algemene oordeel over William Fèvre Chablis vintage 2018:

“Even at this early stage, the 2018's look like a success, and director Didier Séguier and his team richly deserve all the accolades they've received for achieving such consistent quality on such an important scale.”





CHABLIS PREMIER CRU

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MONTMAINS 1^{ER} CRU

William Fèvre: "Pale gold colour with green shades. Fresh and elegant nose with white flowers and citrus notes. The mouth is rich and ample with a great freshness and persistence. A very elegant wine."

Robert Parker: "Revealing notions of green apple, white flowers, spring blossom and iodine, the 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Montmains is medium to full-bodied, tangy and tensile, with promising outlines and a mineral finish. I expect it to perform very well once it fleshes out with further élevage." **89-91 punten**

MONT DE MILIEU 1^{ER} CRU

William Fèvre: "Pale gold colour with green shades. The nose yields up some notes of very ripe white flesh fruit. Both rich and fresh on the palate. A nice wine."

Robert Parker: "The 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Mont de Milieu is showing very well, and it's one of the highlights of Fèvre's range of premiers crus. Exhibiting notes of crisp green orchard fruit, iodine and wet stones, it's medium to full-bodied, broad and fleshy, with impressive power and amplitude allied with racy acids, chalky structure and a saline finish." **91-93 punten**

MONTÉE DE TONNERRE 1^{ER} CRU

William Fèvre: "Nice pale gold colour with green shades. Fresh and mineral notes with aromas of white flowers, citrus and some exotic fruits notes. The mouth is rich and ample with a nice energy. A very pure wine."

Robert Parker: "The 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre opens in the glass with notes of white flowers, crisp orchard fruit, orange rind, oyster shell and beeswax. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, satiny and layered, with good cut and tension and a pure, nicely delineated finish. It marks a return to form for this premier cru, which had been hit by hail and frost for the last handful of successive vintages but was finally spared in 2018." **91-93 punten**

VAILLONS 1^{ER} CRU

William Fèvre: "Pale gold colour with green shades. The nose reveals some notes of ripe yellow fruits and flint. Ample and rich on the mouth with yellow fruits notes. Nice freshness. A very pure and wine."

Robert Parker: "Fèvre's 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons was still a little troubled with suspended lees when I tasted it, so it's early days to make any definitive judgement, but this - along with Vaudésir - was the domaine's first pick this year, and it's certainly lively and elegantly textural, with chalky extract and good precision on the finish." **90-92 punten**



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VAULORENT 1^{ER} CRU

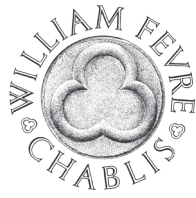
William Fèvre: "Bright pale gold colour with green shades. The bouquet is mineral, lemony, oaky and grilled at the same time. A fresh and persistent mouth with notes of brioche. A typical and refined Chablis."

Robert Parker: "The 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Vaurorent bursts with aromas of fresh peach, orange rind, white flowers and apples. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, ample and layered, with broad shoulders, chewy extract and lively acids. This is already quite complete, even at this early stage, and would appear to number among the highlights of the range this year - though that's hardly a surprise." **91-93 punten**

FOURCHAUME 1^{ER} CRU

William Fèvre: "Pale gold, gold colour with green shades. The nose, fresh and refined with aromas of white flowers and flint stone. Mineral, salty and floral on the palate. A very pleasant wine."





CHABLIS GRAND CRU

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BOUGROS “CÔTES DE BOUGUEROTS” GRAND CRU

William Fèvre: “Bright pale gold colour with green shades. Complex bouquet of lemony and white flesh fruit. The mouth is both rich, dense with a nice mineral freshness. A very refined wine.”

Robert Parker: “The 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Bougros Côte Bouguerots is very promising, revealing a pretty bouquet of white flowers, ripe citrus fruit and wet stones, followed by a full-bodied, ample but incisive palate that's racy, mineral and elegantly mordant, concluding with a long finish.” **93-95 punten**

LES CLOS GRAND CRU

William Fèvre: “Pale gold colour with green shades. Intense and fresh bouquet with lemony and flinty flavors. The mouth seduces with its balance and freshness. A beautiful wine.”

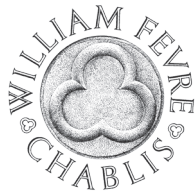
Robert Parker: “Aromas of waxy lemon rind, dried flowers and peaches preface the 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos, a full-bodied, ample and muscular wine that's deep, powerful and reserved. While it's early days to make a definitive judgement, it's obviously very promising.” **93-95 punten**

LES PREUSES GRAND CRU

William Fèvre: “Pale gold to gold with green shades. Refined and fresh bouquet with some citrus and white flowers aromas. Ample and rich mouth, with a well marked mineral structure and nice lingering taste. A bottle of great potential. A classy wine.”

Robert Parker: “Another success is the 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses, a full-bodied, ample and enveloping wine that displays notes of orange rind, oyster shell, white flowers and smoke. On the palate, it's deep, concentrated and incisive, concluding with a saline finish.” **93-95 punten**





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VALMUR GRAND CRU

William Fèvre: "Pale gold to gold with green shades. Toasted with notes of white flowers and a nice minerality on the nose. The mouth is fresh and structured, lemony and flinty on the finish. A very promising wine."

Robert Parker: "Deep, full-bodied and reserved, the 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Valmur reveals a reserved and only partially formed bouquet of oyster shells, citrus oil and rock salt, followed by a concentrated, tight-knit and intensely mineral palate. It's one of the portfolio's high points." **92-94 punten**

VAUDÉSIR GRAND CRU

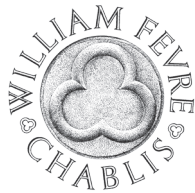
William Fèvre: "Pale gold colour with green shades. The nose unveils white flesh fruit notes with a nice hint of brioche. Fresh, ample as well on the palate. A great wine."

Robert Parker: "The 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir offers up an expressive bouquet of white flowers, citrus blossom and ripe apples, followed by a full-bodied, ample and enveloping palate that's satiny, fragrant and charming; more tension and mineral qualities will typically emerge with further élevage and bottle age." **92-94 punten**

BOUGROS GRAND CRU

William Fèvre: "Pale gold color with green shades. Fruity bouquet with white flesh fruits and citrus. The palate is very attractive thanks to its richness, ampleness and mineral finish. A very fine wine."





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THE 2018 VINTAGE IN CHABLIS - A perfect Vintage

1 - Weather data

Temperatures

- Winter: full of contrast

January: hot, with the highest temperatures since 1945

February: more in keeping, with temperatures dropping to 2.6 °C below normal

March: seasonal values

- Spring: rather summery

Mid-April: in the same week, cool temperatures swung to very hot climatic conditions (up to 30 °C)

End of April to the beginning of May: a few frosts with no consequences

- Summer: very hot

June, July, and August: hot then scorching, with average temperatures at least 1.5 °C higher than seasonal averages

September: cooler night-time temperatures

Recorded rainfall

- Winter: very wet, January particularly rainy with an excess of over 120%

- Spring: dry, values down by over 30% for April and May

- Summer: worsened drought

June: a stormy first fortnight with no heavy rainfall, then dry weather in the second fortnight

July: worsened rain shortage (70% below normal)

August: just a few small storms

September: drought even more marked than in July

Insolation

- Winter: very variable

February: sunshine 25% above seasonal values

- Spring summer: long-lasting sunshine

May to September: sunshine 15 to 20% above normal

A vintage that is sunnier overall, being drier and hotter than seasonal norms.

2 - The growing season on our Domaine

Winter brought particularly contrasting weather: in January, high temperatures were accompanied by incessant rain. They allowed water reserves to be replenished, but they delayed the vegetative cycle. Sunny cold weather dominated in February, with March being more in keeping with the norm but cloudier.

Budburst occurred in mid-April, followed by very swift vegetative development, with the 6-to-7-leaf stage being reached in two weeks, encouraged by warm, dry, good weather. The end of April was colder, and we experienced a few frosts of down to -1.5 °C at the beginning of May, but with no damage. Following heavy rainfall in mid-May, flowering occurred at the end of May, being swift and even. It was followed by a threatening stormy period that was happily less rainy.

From the beginning of summer, the weather became dry, sunny, and hot, and even scorching in August. The rare, brief rain showers of August allowed the berries to continue to grow and to improve their maturity.

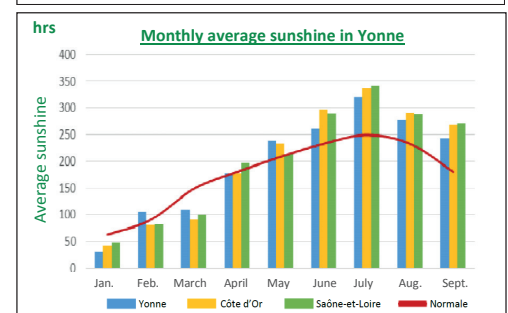
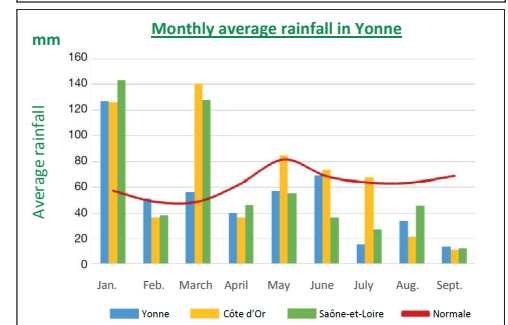
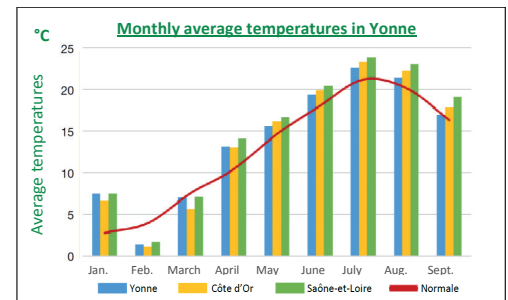
3 - Harvests, vinification and ageing

We started the harvest on 3 September, with an exceptional state of health. 2018 gave us beautiful golden grapes, excellent maturity, with generous yields and alcohol content lying between 12 and 13.5°.

Alcohol fermentation occurred swiftly, within a maximum of 15 days, and malolactic fermentation is currently well advanced.

4 - Our wines right now

2018 is a vintage of great maturity. The wines are constant, ample, pure, upright, and very rich, held together by an attractive minerality.



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