

# WILLIAM FÈVRE CHABLIS 2021

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## BEAUROY 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU

**Jasper Morris:** "William Fevre have just over a hectare consisting of three plots at the Beauroy end of Troesmes, where the grapes need to be picked early. 30% currently under wood after vinification. Very elegant, quite forward as is typical of this terroir, attractively nuanced fruit first, some salinity behind, especially at the finish. Never a blockbuster, but the 2021 Beauroy is fine." **Drink from 2025-2029. 91/93 punten.**

**Neal Martin:** "The 2021 Chablis Beauroy 1er Cru comes from 1.1-hectares split over three parcels in Troisième with a southerly-orientation. It has a "sunny" bouquet with hints of yellow plum and quince, but still well-defined and focused, a light flintiness emerging with time. The palate is well balanced with ample weight, fine acidity, not terribly complex and maybe it doesn't deliver the same definition as Fèvre's other Premier Crus on the finish. But it should drink well for several years." **88/90 punten.**

## VAULORENT 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU

**Jasper Morris:** "This sample represents the whole of it, but Didier may select some out to make a Fourchaumes bottling as well. 32 hl/ha overall. Fully cloudy at the moment, with an opaque white fruit on the nose, and more of the fresh pears. At the moment the class shows more in the volume on the palate, where there is real density and then a fine youthful bitterness at the end. This is loaded towards the back of the palate, always a good sign." **Drink from 2026-2032. 92/94 punten.**

**Neal Martin:** "The 2021 Chablis Valovent 1er Cru comes from 3.60-hectares, of course, the only Premier Cru on the same incline as the Grand Crus. The soils here are very marl. It has an energetic petrichor, slightly fumé bouquet that is very well focused. The palate is well balanced, taut and fresh with fine acidity, lemon verbena and citrus peel emerging towards the finish. Delightful, though the Montée de Tonnerre has just a little more harmony." **90/92 punten.**

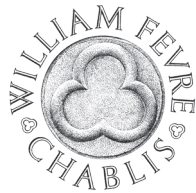
## MONTÉE DE TONNERRE 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU

**Jasper Morris:** "Still cloudy after racking. Didier describes the blend as including Chapelot, for sunshine, Pied d'Aloue on marl for freshness, while the Côte de Bréchain provides concentration from the oldest vines (1936). The 2021 Montée de Tonnerre has a very classy nose, without the now habitual sunny yellow fruit, cooler and fresher. All a little bit unknit after racking but the component parts are clearly there, with excellent fresh acidity and length". **Drink from 2026-2032. 91/94 punten.**

**Neal Martin:** "The 2021 Chablis Montée de Tonnerre 1er Cru comes from 2.2-hectares split over three climats with different orientations including the domaine's oldest vines planted back in 1936. This has quite an aromatic bouquet with limestone, oyster shell and yellow plum aromas that blossom in the glass. The palate is well balanced with fine acidity, harmonious with commendable weight matched with a countervailing saline element. Bright and sparky, enjoy this delicious Chablis over the next 15 years." **91/93 punten.**







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## VAILLONS 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU

**Jasper Morris:** "Mostly in the heart so an early site. Pale lemon and lime, with a very elegant nose that speaks of dainty little stones. Not at all blockbuster. Quite concentrated with a firm, stony feel at the back, then some white fruit to finish. Fills out very well at the back, superior to Montmains today."

**Drink from 2025-2030. 91/93 punten.**

**Neal Martin:** "The 2021 Chablis Vaillons 1er Cru, which comes from around 12 parcels, 3.5-hectares, two-thirds within the "Vaillons" climats in the heart of the appellation. This has a slightly yeasty nose at the moment, not a million miles away from the Montmains in style. The palate is slightly different with a little more frisson and tension, just in touch more length on the finish. This should develop nicely in bottle."

**91/93 punten.**

## MONTMAINS 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU

**Jasper Morris:** "Made up of all three parts of Montmains, mostly Forêts and Butteaux which is picked later. Currently cloudy but the bouquet can speak for the wine. Attractive delicate white fruits, not very reductive this year, while the fruit really builds on the second half of the palate and the finish does deliver some kimmeridgian minerals. Racy at the end but also a touch softer than some years."

**Drink from 2025-2029. 90/92 punten.**

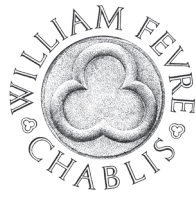
**Neal Martin:** "The 2021 Chablis Montmains 1er Cru comes from 3.80-hectares within the three climats, one-third each, and is generally a late-ripening cuvée. The aromatics were very primal on the nose with touches of grapefruit and grass clippings. The palate is well-balanced with a citrus thread of acidity, fairly steely with a twist of sour lemon towards the finish. Quite a penetrating Montmains, this will deserve three or four years in bottle." **90/92 punten.**

## LES LYS 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU

**Jasper Morris:** "NNE facing by the forest. Pale colour with a green tint, pure white fruit on the nose yet with a certain tension which is often missing in 2021. This works really well this year, with a serene follow through with fresh pears to finish. Very well done." **Drink from 2025-2030. 91/94 punten.**

**Neal Martin:** "The 2021 Chablis Les Lys 1er Cru comes from a single-hectare with an anomalous north/north-west exposure that means it is usually later-ripening. It has quite an austere bouquet with touches of nettle and wet pavement, a bit "mean" compared to the Vaillons. The palate is well balanced with oyster shell and saline notes, very classically-styled; although, I just need a little more energy on the finish. But I like how the reduction works to its advantage, and it may deserve a higher score down the line." **90/92 punten.**





# CHABLIS GRAND CRU

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## LES CLOS GRAND CRU

**Jasper Morris:** "The vineyard was largely planted by William Fèvre's father in the decade after the war. This is relatively classical with the effortlessly superior bouquet of Les Clos. A softer rounder style of fruit here. Additional intensity though behind, with a deep white fruit, liquorice and still some youthful bitters to complete."

**Drink from 2028-2036. 92/96 punten.**

**Neal Martin:** "The 2021 Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru comes from 4.1 hectares mainly located on the upper sector of the Grand Cru, the vines planted in the postwar period by Maurice Fèvre, the father of William Fèvre. It has a powerful bouquet with hints of white flower permeating the citrus fruit and apple blossom aromas. The palate has wonderful salinity on the entry, a fine bead of acidity, citrus-fresh with clementine, hints of peach and a twist of bitter lemon that keeps the finish on its tippy-toes. Great potential." **93/95 punten.**

## VALMUR GRAND CRU

**Jasper Morris:** "Grown on a vein of kimmeridgian marl on the crest with Vaudésir. Pale lemon yellow without the lime. Quite a weight of fruit here, lots to discover in the future but not quite ready now. Significant weight here, white fruit intensity, all stacked to the back, freshly baked apples, a little bit of spice and proper length. Very good."

**Drink from 2027-2034. 92/95 punten.**

**Neal Martin:** "The 2021 Chablis Valmur Grand Cru comes from 1.1-hectares located on a vein of marn. As usual, it is a little austere and "mean" on the nose, but I like that, and it "grows" in the glass with engaging marine/oyster shell scents. The palate is very well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, taut and fresh, quite linear and strict yet building in density through to the finish. Excellent." **93/95 punten.**

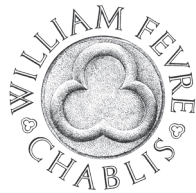
## VAUDÉSIR GRAND CRU

**Jasper Morris:** "Not racked yet, some in barrel, some in tank. Clear pale colour, still with a light green tint. A fine and even quite delicate nose, early location, a touch of smoke and bacon, otherwise with a linear intensity that follows through very well. One for longer ageing. More on the apples right at the back."

**Drink from 2027-2034. 92/94 punten.**

**Neal Martin:** "The 2021 Chablis Vaudésir Grand Cru comes from 1.20-hectares, the major parcel adjacent to Moutonne, on marn soils that tends to be picked earlier than others. It has a clean and precise bouquet with citrus lemon, a hint of petrichor and orange blossom - very engaging. The palate is very well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, quite edgy with lemon rind and a touch of mandarin, taut and linear on the finish. Nice verticality here, though I would be inclined to age this in bottle for three to four years." **92/94 punten.**





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## LES PREUSES GRAND CRU

**Jasper Morris:** "Richness from the plateau part and more mineral from the side which goes downslope into the valley of Vaudésir. More lime in the colour here. A vigorous energetic bouquet. Impressive density with a firm line of acidity, good length, east facing but winning the blend at the moment, little lemony touches at the finish. Almost a tannic finish." **Drink from 2027-2034. 92/95 punten.**

**Neal Martin:** "The 2021 Chablis Les Preuses Grand Cru comes from 2.5-hectares split over two parcels. This has one of my favourite aromatics from Fèvre this year with superb delineation and mineralité. The palate is harmonious and poised, very focused and tensile, plenty of energy with a touch of lime and clementine towards the persistent finish. This is an outstanding Chablis that should age supremely well in bottle." **94/96 punten.**

## BOUGROS GRAND CRU

**Jasper Morris:** "From old vines of around 60-65 years on average. Fresh pale colour with a light green tint. Clear pale colour, slightly smoky, good volume of fruit, the smoke coming out in the mouth as reduction on the seashells. Solid weight here, plus the minerals as well. Pretty good intensity across the piece with density at the back." **Drink from 2027-2033. 91/94 punten.**

**Neal Martin:** "The 2021 Chablis Bougros Grand Cru comes from southwest facing parcels (Fèvre almost half the holdings in this Grand Cru) has a very marine-influenced bouquet with touches of granite and a light smoky note. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, nicely focused with a touch of quince complementing the citrus fruit, though I am just seeking a little more mineralité to come through on the final third." **91/93 punten.**

## BOUGROS "CÔTES DE BOUGUEROTS" GRAND CRU

**Jasper Morris:** "Slightly younger vines than the regular Bougros but the site is so different, on the steepest of slopes dropping down to the road. Intensity more than detail on the nose, then the usual piercing volume of fresh white fruit on the palate, a little touch of liquorice, quite good length."

**Drink from 2027-2034. 92/94 punten.**

**Neal Martin:** "The 2021 Chablis Bougros Côte Bouguerots Grand Cru, which was cropped at just 17hl/ha this year, has an intriguing bouquet with hints of peach skin and honeysuckle, the precocity of this parcel seeping through as it opens up. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, taut and fresh, quite linear with hints of orange pith and even a dab of ginger towards the spicy, energetic finish. Excellent." **93/95 punten.**

