

# BURGUNDY REPORT *BY BILL NANSON*

Ooh - another lovely nose - not so wide but deep and invitingly citrusy and complex. Another that's mouth-filling and energetic - more overtly mineral in this case. Super finishing but I'd wait a couple of years for this - I think it will be even better then!

## Milcent - 2022

*Tasted with Alexandre Milcent in 'Chichée,' 22 January 2024.*

### **Domaine Milcent**

Ferme de Pommard

89800 Chichée

Alexandre had just taken delivery of a nice big jar - it had water in it when I took my picture (right) but it was soon going to have 2023 in it !!

### **Alexandre on 2023:**

*"I was happy at the end - once all was in - because we had quantity and it looks like we have quality too - I found it a complicated vintage though - complicated for working the soil due the extra rain in some periods, it was necessary to work a lot of weekends because of that!"*

### **Alexandre on 2022:**

*"We had less volume but a decent volume. We had more dryness and despite that, I think the quality was good. In the cuverie all went without a problem, the malos were done by the end of December - I like the perfumes. I think the warm year has allowed the wines to 'show themselves' from very early on."*



## The wines...

*A super result in 2022 - their 2022 villages Chablis in benchmark and the rest are also worth your time - a label to look out for!*

*All natural cork - 'different quality for the 1er crus.' The tasting glass was a little too small - the aromas very shy because of that:*

### **2022 Petit Chablis**

*Below Forêts & Butteaux - 2ha - there was another 2ha for 2022 and they eventually will top out at 10-12 hectares.*

The nose is a little shy to start - it's a very (too) small tasting glass. In the mouth this is lovely though - with volume fine but not excessive energy and a very pretty finishing flavour - simply delicious, classy Petit Chablis.

## **2022 Chablis**

*Already 3-4 hectares next to their Petit Chablis, then a similarly sized parcel just under Montmains. A third parcel between Vaillons and Montmains and the last under Les Lys – totalling about 13 hectares*

Also with a small floral perfume – width too – this is a good invitation. More direct and incisive – that's so juicy and direct it could almost be a 2021! Bravo, this is just a top villages – more floral style than ultra-mineral but top!

## **2022 Chablis 1er Vaillons**

*A potential of over 4 ha here – Roncières and Epinottes – more of the former.*

Despite the glass, here is plenty of aromatic width – energetic, with lots of yellow citrus. That's another wine of proper Chablis freshness and in this case more airy citrus – all yellow. Deep and more stony finishing, clearly longer – just an excellent wine and properly Chablis.

## **2022 Chablis 1er Vaucoupins**

*A relatively flat part of this cru – 'we are happy with that!' – 0.33 ha of vines. The first right bank wine – Chichée of course. Vines now 10 years old – 'It's starting to show some quality now.'*

Deep, clean, attractively mineral and laced with citrus energy. Very direct for a 22 but that's how I like my Chablis – intense finishing too. I'd still be waiting another 2 years for more 'ease.' But this finishes clean and I think it will be a very good one.

## **2022 Chablis 1er Fourchaume**

*In the area of Vaupulent. Only the second vintage for these young vines – 'Of course, 21 was a hard start!'*

More breadth of yellow fruit – there's depth here too but not pushing towards honied. Larger scale and a bit more concentration too. There's plenty of energy and a growing intensity here – but less acid-led than the Vaucoupins – supple in the finish, long finishing – more herbed but this is and great wine considering the age of the vines – overall excellent Chablis.