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2013 CHABLIS

Domaine Long Depaquit (Albert Bichot)

Mangenot described 2013 as a very rich vintage, with 12.5% natural alcohol, thanks to very long maturation of the vines. The team started picking on October 1 and finished in just six or seven days, vs. a normal ten.

2013 Chablis Les Lys Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit

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Healthy light yellow. Musky, flinty minerality, menthol and wet stone on the nose, plus a whiff of oyster shell. Sweet and easygoing on the palate but not a fruity style, showing good concentration and ripeness and a lightly saline character. Displays harmonious acidity.

2013 Chablis Les Beugnons Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit

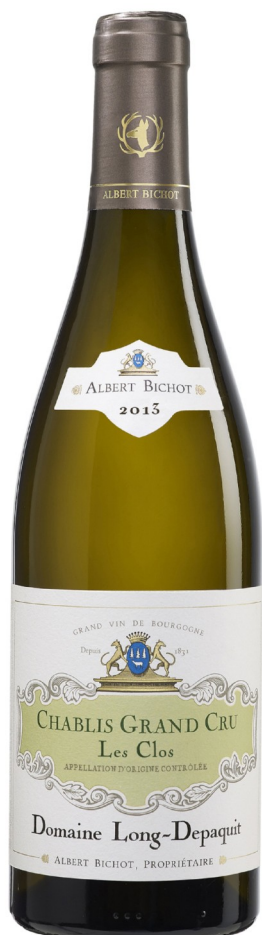
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Pale yellow. Candied apricot and peach on the very ripe, fruity nose, with complicating notes of spices and white pepper. Fat, moderately sweet and broad; shows impressive size but is not yet filled in. With its mineral tension and slight finishing bitterness, this persistent wine needs a couple years in the cellar to harmonize.

2013 Chablis Les Vaillons Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit

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Pale, bright straw-yellow. Reticent aromas of fresh apricot, spices and minerals. Offers an attractive balance of yellow fruits, white pepper and spices, along with a refined texture and a touch of sweetness. Nicely broad premier cru Chablis with good energy and subtle persistence. Should make a very good starter's Chablis premier cru.



2013 Chablis Les Vaucopins Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit

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Pale straw-yellow. Reticent aromas of *mirabelle* and truffle underbrush, with a note of dried apricot emerging with air. Dense, fine-grained and classically dry, showing a slightly exotic character but also harmonious acidity to shape the middle palate. I wasn't wild for this wine a year ago, but today I find good soil-driven complexity and iodine salinity. In this site the Kimmeridgian soil is pinkish-red in color.

2013 Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit

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Pale, bright yellow. Fresh, restrained pineapple and grapefruit aromas, along with a touch of yellow lower fruits and a honeyed nuance. Sweet and supple in the mouth. The yellow fruit and honey flavors carry through on the palate. Boasts good texture and volume.

2013 Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit

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Bright pale yellow with straw highlights. Serious if austere aromas of white grapefruit pith, wet stone, iodine minerality and lichee. Rich, dense and surprisingly pliant and sweet, offering excellent mouth coverage. This very young, subtly spicy wine conveys lovely mineral expression for the vintage but needs time in the cellar.

2013 Chablis Les Vaudésirs Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit

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Bright straw-yellow. Tangy but subdued aromas of peach and quince paste. Concentrated, ripe and rich, with distinctly spicy and toasty nuances to its yellow fruit flavors. Finishes classically dry and a bit peppery, with a phenolic edge that calls for a few years of patience.

2013 Chablis La Moutonne Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit

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Bright yellow. Deeply pitched aromas of ripe and dried peach, flinty minerality, truffle and earth; less expressive than the 2014 but with noteworthy similarities. Silky-smooth on entry; begins fresh, then expands and intensifies without losing its grip. Boasts very good tension to its flavors of yellow fruits and minerals and finishes with excellent length. This has a bit more acidity than the Clos but slightly less than the Blanchots; estate manager Mangenot noted that the top section of this *monopole* vineyard squeezed between Vaudésir and Preuses gives this wine its acidity.