



Domaine William Fèvre En Primeur 2022 Release



"One of Chablis' most anticipated releases, yet again, exceptional scores from the World's leading Burgundy critics..."

We are delighted to release the sensational en Primeur 2022 wines from domaine William Fèvre 2022. Yet again, exceptional scores from the World's leading Burgundy critics. Why would you not want a case or two of these exquisite wines in your cellar. Didier describes the wines as juicy not heavy, accessible but keepable.

Many of the wines from this vintage achieve 5 star wine status from Jasper Morris, MW and/or an "Outstanding" Sweet Spot rating from Allen Meadows on Burghound. Across the board the reviews are outstanding, including reviews from Andy Howard MW on Decanter and Neal Martin MW on Vinous. Pretty much all of them are scored in the 90's. Just brilliant.

These are very pleasant wines, with a surprisingly refreshing character. They are extremely refined and precise, offering aromas of ripe fruit, pear and peach. They are generous and beautifully balanced. So quality is also on the agenda.

Andy Howard, MW, Decanter Magazine rates the Chablis 2022 vintage 4.5/5: A very fine vintage for Chablis that combines the freshness of 2017/2021 with the warmth and ripeness of 2019/2020. Healthy grapes, plenty of acidity and attractive peach/pear fruit character – a fine vintage that balances generous ripeness with crisp citrus acidity and salinity. Will age well.

Didier gave his usual masterful assessment of the 2022 vintage. 120mm of rain in June was the key, along with a few more showers in August to complete the ripening. No grilled grape problems. A couple of vineyards were picked on 29th August, but the main harvest started on 31st through to 8th September. Alcohol levels were mostly 12.8 to 13%, with slightly lower acidity, pH 3.25 to 3.35. Didier describes the wines as juicy not heavy, accessible but keepable.

Much of the success of the domaine can be attributed to their viticulture. According to Didier, 350 man hours per hectare is the norm, their own average is 500-600 hours while the steep vines (Côte Bouguerots and bits of Valmur, Vaudésir and Preuses) which are ploughed manually using a winch can reach 1000 to 1200 man hours. The domaine will be certified organic from 2023.

All wines ferment in steel, then the crus go to barrel after malolactic, being assembled between June and October, then back to tank until the next spring. One two and three year old barrels are brought in from Bouchard, to keep up to 8 or 10 years. Brilliant, powerful wines which today age extremely well.



Domaine Fèvre 2022 by Neal Martin - Vinous

Chablis Bougros Grand Cru Score: 92-94

The 2022 Chablis Bougros Grand Cru, matured around one-third in used barrel, sports a subtle reduction on the nose that works to its favor: white flowers commingle with Mirabelle and crushed stone. The palate is well-balanced and precise, harmonious with orange pith and nectarine, just a touch of praline. It builds nicely in the glass and then slams its foot on the accelerator right on the finish as if to say: That's all for now. One for the patient amongst you. **Drinking 2027-2049**

Chablis Vaudésir Grand Cru 2022 Score: 91-93

The 2022 Chablis Vaudésir Grand Cru has a less immediate nose than the Bougros, with hints of lanolin and estuarine scents, lemon verbena and fern. This builds with confidence in the glass. The palate is well-balanced with fine delineation and cohesion, a welcome sour lemon edge, and salinity with a primal grapefruit finish. Again, this will require time once in bottle. **Drinking 2027-2049**

Chablis Les Preuses Grand Cru Score: 92-94

The 2022 Chablis Les Preuses Grand Cru is not unlike the Valmur on the nose: backward and a little sultry in style, with faint touches of crustacea coming through. The palate is more generous with orchard fruit, hints of apricot and wild peach, and fine acidity. It is very harmonious but without quite the same complexity as the Valmur on the finish. Still, this should give many years of drinking pleasure. **Drinking 2026-2045**

Chablis Bougros Cote Bouguerots Grand Cru Score: 93-95

The 2022 Chablis Bougros Cote Bouguerots Grand Cru has a clean and precise bouquet with hints of wild peach, apricot blossom, Mirabelle, and crushed stone. The palate is well-balanced with a very harmonious entry, blackcurrant leaf and spice, crushed stone and what feels like plenty of extract on the finish. This has great potential but afford it time in your cellar. **Drinking 2026-2048**

Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru Score: 91-93

The 2022 Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru has a surprisingly primal bouquet with gooseberry, melon, fruits de mer and citrus peel, with more oyster shell scents developing as it opens, though never quite achieving the flair of the Valmur. The palate is well-balanced, steely and strict, with fine intensity and a saline finish. But it doesn't quite have the precision of Fèvre's best cuvées at the moment. **Drinking 2026-2045**

Chablis Vaillons 1er Cru 2022 Score: 90-92

The 2022 Chablis Vaillons 1er Cru had been blended the previous week, during which a majority of the lees is kept. Often one of my favourite cuvées from William Fèvre, the entrancing bouquet has impressive intensity on the nose. The palate is well-balanced with lemon verbena and touches pear, a fine sense of energy and composure, and a persistent finish. This already looks very promising. **Drinking 2025-2039**

Chablis Montmains 1er Cru 2022 Score: 89-91

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Chablis Vaurorent 1er Cru Score: 92-94

The 2022 Chablis Vaurorent 1er Cru has another tightly wound nose like the Montée de Tonnerre, a subtle marine element emerging with time, a touch of wild fennel. The palate has much more body and depth than the aforementioned Premier Cru, with good density, a crisp line of acidity and a welcome touch of spice enhancing the finish. Excellent. **Drinking 2026-2048**

Chablis Montée de Tonnerre 1er Cru Score: 89-91

The 2022 Chablis Montée de Tonnerre 1er Cru is more reticent on the nose and perhaps doesn't quite engage as the 2021 did last year. A bit bashful at the moment. The palate is well-balanced with a saline entry, though it feels strict and contained, without the flair demonstrated by the Les Lys at the moment. Has this got something up its sleeve? It's a bit too austere and reticent for my liking. **Drinking 2025-2038**

Chablis Village Score: 88-90

The 2022 Chablis Village, due for certification with the 2023 vintage, has a steely nose with touches of lime and apple blossom. The palate is well-balanced with a fine bead of acidity. Quite classic and cool in style. A bit short, though, with sufficient salinity to keep the saliva flowing. Fine. **Drinking 2024-2032**



Domaine Fèvre 2022 by Andy Howard MW - Decanter

Chablis Vaudésir Grand Cru 2022 Score: 93-100

Starts ripe and fleshy in the mouth, then the minerality comes through. Fresh and direct, a very nicely balanced wine which, although approachable now, will age. The vines here lie on very steep slopes with full exposition to the sun. Early harvesting is the key to freshness.

Chablis Les Preuses Grand Cru Score: 96-100

Beautiful mix of richness, grace and drive. As always with Fèvre's Les Preuses, this is elegant, long-living and fine. Ultra-stylish and very mineral. From two sections of vines. One situated low down on Les Preuses next to Vincent Dauvissat's plot, on the flatter part facing south, the other on deeper soils, with both adding richness and totalling 2.5ha.

Chablis Bougros Cote Bouguerots Grand Cru Score: 96-100

The very steep aspect of Côte Bouguerots is highlighted by a much greater emphasis on minerality than Fèvre's Bougros. This is a grand cru in every way - so much drive on the palate with plenty of extract, concentration, salinity and length. Certain to keep very well but this is also surprisingly approachable early on. Didier Segquier says it's likely to close down after 18-24 months but this is clearly a fine example with masses of potential.

Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru Score: 95-100

Fèvre owns 4.1ha of the 25ha total within Les Clos. Their plot is situated on the top of the hill, with 50% of the vines planted by William Fèvre's father in the 1940s and 1950s. Small yield, very concentrated, with loads of density on the palate. Plenty of drive and energy but has finesse to balance out the power. White peach fruit characters, vibrant acidity and a pronounced mineral, salty finish. A very long future ahead. Small yield, very concentrated, with masses of density on the palate. Plenty of drive and energy but has finesse to balance out the power. White peach fruit characters, vibrant acidity and a pronounced mineral, salty finish. Very long future ahead. Fèvre owns 4.1ha of the 25ha total within Les Clos. Its plots situated on the top of the hill, with 50% of the vines planted by William Fèvre's father in the 1940s and 1950s.

Chablis Montmains 1er Cru 2022 Score: 93-100

Didier Séguier notes that Montmains, with its deep clay soil, imparts extra richness. A favourite cuvée for Séguier, this is very mineral in character, tempering the richness and power on the palate. Fèvre owns 3.8ha of Montmains, coming from 10 plots across all three sub-climats.

Chablis Vaurorent 1er Cru Score: 96-100

Fèvre have 3.65ha of Vaurorent. Situated on the grand cru hill rather than the Fourchaume slope, the soils here are characterised by lots of Kimmeridgian marl. Much tighter and tenser than Fèvre's Montée de Tonnerre with less overt minerality, but there's lots of energy here, powerful and precise and compensates with concentration and density more akin to Chablis Grand Cru. Give this five years and it will be stunning. The Côte Bouguerots also scored 96 points.

Chablis Montée de Tonnerre 1er Cru Score: 95-100

A stunning example, with finesse allied to power. Real tension and energy here. Will be approachable quite young, but really should be aged for over five years for the best result. Fèvre has 2.24ha within Montée de Tonnerre. Plots are located in Pied d'Aloup (facing east) with profound Kimmeridgian soils bringing freshness, Chapelot facing south on deep soil adding richness, and Côte de Brechain facing west on top of the hill with the oldest plots dating back to 1936.

Chablis Village Score: 93-100

Distinct shellfish notes. Plenty of volume, a fleshy sunny character on the palate, freshened by lingering salinity to finish. Top example of AP Chablis in 2022. From 40ha of vines, with three distinct plots, including one from a lovely vineyard to the east around Viviers, with vines planted in the 1960s, but all of the vines have plenty of age.



Domaine Fèvre 2022 by Jasper Morris - Inside Burgundy

Chablis Bougros Grand Cru Score: 92-95

Fresh pale green tint. Didier describes this as the entry level grand cru. The average age of the vines is at or above 60 years. There is admirable tension here, an electric start, more middleweight through the middle, then quite a powerful middle with decent dry extract, and good length. Keeps coming back. **Drink from 2030-2040. Tasted: June 2023.**

Chablis Vaudésir Grand Cru 2022 Score: 93-96

A small lot so better to assemble early, which has just been done. A fresh green light shines through the clouds nonetheless. Picked among the first, a little yellow fruit plums and fresh white peaches. Salty rather than saline, with a fine firm backbone. The finish is particularly impressive, with the fruit becoming ever fresher at the back of the palate. **Drink from 2030-2040. Tasted: June 2023.**

Chablis Les Preuses Grand Cru Score: 92-94

Such a fresh lime infused colour. The bouquet shows the soft creamy riches that you can find here in Les Preuses. There is plenty of bulk but the hectare plot which drops down into Vaudésir gives the mineral tension. A little lime and lemon coats the tongue at the finish. **Drink from 2030-2040. Tasted: June 2023**

Chablis Bougros Cote Bouguerots Grand Cru Score: 93-95 5 Star Wine

A glowing pale lemon and lime. Sunny and fresh at the same time, with an extraordinary tension on the nose. Still a wine of discretion, Didier has made wines which completely avoid heaviness while still delivering all that is necessary in concentration and backbone. Sublime persistence. **Drink from 2032-2040+. Tasted: June 2023**

Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru Score: 91-93 5 Star Wine

Mostly from old vines, a good half planted between 1948 and 1952. Translucent lemon and lime colour. The bouquet is not ready to unfurl yet there is a sense of sublime purity about the nose. A wine in perfect harmony on its wide bench of white fruit. Just a little touch of spice behind, good acidity. Sign up for this! **Drink from 2032-2045. Tasted: June 2023.**

Chablis Vaillons 1er Cru 2022 Score: 92-94

Mostly in Vaillons itself, with Chatains, Roncières and Mélinots. Another translucent pale lime colour. The nose is a little lighter than Montmains, very fine, lime and lemon notes throughout, it tastes as though filtered through a bed of tiny stones. Graceful and persistent. **Drink from 2027-2034. Tasted: June 2023**

Chablis Montmains 1er Cru 2022 Score: 93-95 5 Star Wine

Clear lemon and lime colour. Just a very light coquillage reduction. Then the wine builds a beautiful level of intensity on the palate, a lime thread, very salivating for its dry finish. An impeccable balance, this is faultless. And so persistent! Nothing heavy, nothing over sunny. **Drink from 2027-2035. Tasted: June 2023.**

Chablis Vaulorent 1er Cru Score: 92-95

Some of the Vaulorent may be taken out to make a separate Fourchaumes bottling, that decision has not yet been made. More lime than lemon in colour, the nose is so stylish yet with obvious concentration beneath. I love the texture of this wine, which has taken on a little bit of the cashmere qualities of this sector, while nonetheless retaining its mineral core. Very stylish once again. **Drink from 2027-2037. Tasted: June 2023.**

Chablis Montée de Tonnerre 1er Cru Score: 93-95 5 Star Wine

From multiple plots: east facing kimmeridgian marl in Pied d'Aloue (0.50ha), one hectare in Chapelot, (more soil here, fatter wine), then the rest in Bréchain, where vines dating back to 1936, give tension. What a beautiful bouquet. This has the sensual aspect of a delightful sunny summer, yet with an entrancing freshness behind. This is quintessential right bank, yet with balance. **Drink from 2027-2037. Tasted: June 2023.**

Chablis Village Score: 89-92 5 Star Wine

To bottle in November. The average age is 40 year old vines, and 10% in wood. Excellent long finish. Sources are Chablis and Chichée for half and the rest in Viviers, 50 year old vines. Well drained steep slope which though south facing is at altitude and stays fresh. A fresh lemon yellow. The nose is a little more subdued than the Petit Chablis but more classical. This too has the attractive saline bitterness of extreme youth, but the fruit builds beautifully on the palate. **Drink from 2025-2030. Tasted: June 2023**



Domaine William Fèvre 2022

en primeur price list (In Bond)
(x 75cl bottles)

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Grand Crus

Bougros x 6	£ 408.00 - IB
Vaudésir x 6	£ 512.00 - IB
Les Preuses x 6	£ 528.00 - IB
Bougros Côte Bouguerots x 6	£ 645.00 - IB
Les Clos x 6	£ 668.00 - IB

Premier Cru

Vaillons x 6	£ 254.00 - IB
Montmains x 6	£ 254.00 - IB
Fourchaume x 6	£ 278.00 - IB
Vaulorent x 6	£ 338.00 - IB
Montée de Tonnerre x 6	£ 348.00 - IB

Village

Chablis x 6	£ 120.00 - IB
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