

Gilbert Picq & ses Fils

Chablis



One the finest exponents of tank-fermented and tank-matured Chablis, Picq's concentrated, incisive wines are always worth seeking out...his range of Chablis AOC bottlings includes several cuvées that would embarrass many loftier appellations.

– William Kelley, The Wine Advocate, July 2022

I was seriously impressed by the Picq 2020s and it's hard to consistently find this level of quality, especially at the villages level.

–Allen Meadows, Burghound, 4th quarter, 2021

Didier Picq's wines are the epitome of nervy, almost Zen-like Chablis that would run a mile if someone even mentioned "oak" in their presence. Yet, Picq manages to imbue his half-dozen or so cuvées with immense concentration and flavor year after year.

–Neal Martin, Vinous Media, July 2020

Chablis 2020

A fresh, ripe and expressive nose reflects plenty of Chablis typicity that includes quinine, lemon rind and cool white fleshed fruit. There is fine density to the delicious, intense and solidly voluminous flavors that offer impressive persistence and depth. This well-made effort should be excellent for its level.

89-92 pts- Allen Meadows, Burghound, Issue 84

Aromas of freshly baked bread, citrus zest, linden and orange blossom preface Picq's 2020 Chablis, a medium-bodied, bright and charming wine that's lively and precise, with tangy acids and a saline finish. It's a charming young wine that's already drinking well.

89 pts- William Kelley, Wine Advocate, July 2022

Chablis en Vaudécorse 2020

The 2020 Chablis En Vaudécorse demands more coaxing on the nose compared to Picq's other cuvées, hints of pressed white flowers only reluctantly emerging with aeration. The palate is well balanced with veins of blood orange and citrus fruit. A pleasantly tangy, almost iodine-y bitterness lends edge toward the finish, which leaves a saline aftertaste. Superb.

91-93 pts- Neal Martin, Vinous Media, June 2021

A whisper of grapefruit character is present on the saltwater, algae and quinine-scented nose. The racy, intense and mineral-driven middle weight flavors possess excellent delineation on the bone-dry finale where a touch of lemon zest slowly emerges as it sits on the palate. This is outstanding and it's extremely rare to see villages level wines with this kind of quality.

90-93 pts- Allen Meadows, Burghound, Issue 84

The 2020 Chablis En Vaudécorse has turned out very well in bottle, delivering aromas of fresh bread, oyster shell, crisp orchard fruit and white flowers. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and seamless, it's a chalky, saline wine that concludes with a penetrating finish.

90 pts- William Kelley, Wine Advocate, July 2022

Chablis Dessus La Carrière 2020

Another strict old-school Chablis from Didier Picq that should age with style.

90-92 pts- Neal Martin, Vinous Media, June 2021

Here too the more reserved nose makes clear that this could be from nowhere else but Chablis with its aromas of mineral reduction, green apple, white peach and iodine. The highly energetic middle weight flavors possess a certain tenderness along with plenty of minerality on the equally complex and persistent finale that is a bit more structured. Lovely juice and especially for what it is.

90-92 pts- Allen Meadows, Burghound, Issue 84

Impeccably balanced, Picq's 2020 Chablis Dessus la Carrière unwinds in the glass with scents of crisp white peach and linden blossom mingled with oyster shell and freshly baked bread. Medium to full-bodied, seamless and satiny, it's bright and precise, with a fleshy core of fruit and a long, saline finish.

93 pts- William Kelley, Wine Advocate, July 2022

Chablis Vieilles Vignes 2020

The tensile palate is quite sharp and penetrating on the entry. This is a quintessential old-school Chablis, with light marine and bitter lemon notes and a smack of oyster shell on the finish. Excellent.

91-93 pts- Neal Martin, Vinous Media, June 2021

(from vines that average ~60 years of age). Moderate reduction masks the underlying fruit today. More interesting are the dense, powerful and compact medium weight flavors that possess impressive richness on the clean and dry bitter lemon-inflected finish. This will need to develop more depth over time, but the necessary material appears to be present. This too is impressive for what it is.

90-92 pts- Allen Meadows, Burghound, Issue 84

Aromas of crisp yellow orchard fruit, freshly baked bread, beeswax, clear honey and pear introduce the 2020 Chablis Vieilles Vignes, a medium to full-bodied, satiny and seamless wine that's lively and vibrant, with a saline finish and a beautifully balanced profile.

90 pts- William Kelley, Wine Advocate, July 2022

Chablis 1er Cru Vaucoupin 2020

The 2020 Chablis Vaucoupin 1er Cru has the best definition and clarity of Picq's 2020s, delivering laser-like precision and vibrant citric fruit; blood orange scents develop with aeration. The palate is beautifully balanced with an intense saline entry, very good depth and a vibrant, lemongrass-tinged finish that lingers in the mouth. Superb. This would be my pick from Picq this year.

92-94 pts- Neal Martin, Vinous Media, June 2021

(from vines planted in 1990). An airy, elegant and wonderfully pure nose flashes its combination of citrus rind, acacia, petrol and smoky mineral reduction. The nicely rich and equally pure medium weight flavors also exude evident minerality on the caressing and almost tender finish that is clean and agreeably dry if, somewhat surprisingly, a bit less complex, at least at present.

90-93 pts- Allen Meadows, Burghound, Issue 84

The 2020 Chablis 1er Cru Vaucoupin opens in the glass with notes of pear, fresh peach, citrus confit, blanched almonds and iodine. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and chiseled, it's a precise, saline wine with terrific depth at the core and a racy, dynamic profile after the more powerful, weighty 2019 vintage.

93 pts- William Kelley, Wine Advocate, July 2022

Chablis 1er Cru Vosgros 2020

The 2020 Chablis Vosgros 1er Cru has a tensile, steely nose, backward at first, then revealing touches of yellow flower and damp earthy scents with time. The palate is well balanced with a very saline entry, strict and linear in keeping with Picq's style, and displays fine depth and a tang of bitter lemon and blood orange on the finish.

91-93 pts- Neal Martin, Vinous Media, June 2021

(from 40+ year old vines). Pungent and beautifully layered aromas include those of oyster shell, seashore, quinine, lemon-lime and a hint of anise. The intense and dense medium-bodied flavors possess a borderline opulent texture that is well-buffered by the firm citrus-tinged acid spine shaping the dry and relatively powerful finale. This is very promising and should develop well over the next 6 to 10 years. One to look for.

91-94 pts- Allen Meadows, Burghound, Issue 84

Unwinding in the glass with scents of citrus oil, oyster shell, fresh pastry and light reduction, the 2020 Chablis 1er Cru Vosgros is medium to fullbodied, satiny and incisive, with a racy spine of acidity and a long, mineral finish. This is another impeccably balanced, precise wine from Didier Picq.

93 pts- William Kelley, Wine Advocate, July 2022