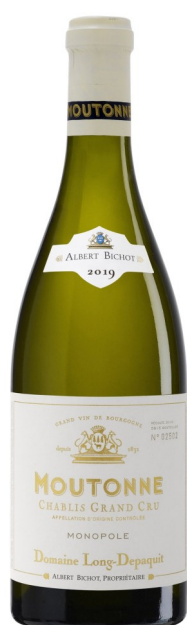


Chablis 2019: top-scoring wines

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Moutonne is one of Chablis' finest expressions and the 2019 will be another in a long list of memorable vintages. Although not the final bottling, it is clear that there is great power here, combined with finesse and a lightness on its feet. Savoury, umami, notes on the finish. Wood is a little evident now but will integrate beautifully once in bottle for 6-12 months. A lovely example, both powerful and restrained.



As expected, the east facing slopes of **Blanchots** have added an extra zip to the palate in this Grand Cru. An elegant wine which is already drinking well, but with so much more to come. White-clay is interspersed here with blue-clay, adding to the mineral flavours and creating a Grand Cru with great finesse. Highly successful in 2019. Bichot's investment at Long-Depaquit is certainly paying off.



Bichot's **Les Clos** has power and richness on the palate. With a hint of toasty oak, and ripe stoned fruit characters, this will develop into a fine Grand Cru given a couple of years in bottle. There is plenty of precision here - this barrel sample doesn't quite do the wine justice but there is clearly so much to come.



Often a highlight in the Bichot Premier Cru line-up, this is a fine, expressive **Vaucoupin** which is already drinking well - but with many years ahead. Concentrated on the palate with lemon and grapefruit characters and a salty finish. A hint of oak adds some extra texture (but not flavour). Precise and confident, this is a lovely wine with very good potential.