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NEW FACES ARE AMONGST 24 MEDALS AWARDED AT THE 37TH COMPETITION OF CHABLIS WINES

The UK was once again at the forefront of the 37th Competition of Chablis wines, building on the momentum begun by previous competition presidents (such as Allen Meadows in 2016, or Tim Atkin in 2019). This year, Jasper Morris MW, an expert in Bourgogne wines, presided over the competition. Jasper has been a lover of Bourgogne wines – and more importantly, Chablis – for over forty years.

The 71 members of the jury tasted the 2021 vintage of the following appellations: Petit Chablis, Chablis and Chablis Premier Cru; as well as the 2020 vintage of the AOC Chablis Grand Cru. Out of the **259** samples tasted, **24 medals** were awarded. The organisers noted that this year there was a reduced number of samples presented – a loss of 50% based on previous years – due to the lower volumes harvested in 2021.

With a tasting panel made up of journalists, restaurateurs, sommeliers, brokers, oenologists, winemakers, or knowledgeable wine-lovers (understandably the winemakers presenting their wines cannot be part of this panel), the wines are judged in two instances. The samples scoring the highest during the first phase are then judged by the ‘Super Jury’ – the only panel able to award medals.

The President of the judging panel, Jasper Morris, said of Chablis: “Chablis has always been well known in the UK – mainly the larger producers. However, there are exceptional wines amongst smaller producers.” On his own experience with Chablis he commented “I love Chablis, whether it’s the town, the vineyards, or the wines. I first discovered the town about 40 years ago; it has since grown with age, as have the quality of the wines.” Speaking on what to expect out of the newer generation of Chablis wines he commented: “In Chablis, things change quickly. With the new generations, I have found the soul and spirit of Chablis wines.”

Indeed, these newer faces have been well-represented in this competition. One such example is Domaine Soupé. This Domaine works on 15 hectares of land their family has owned for 100 years, but they only began to produce their own wines in 2018 (they used to be members of the cooperative before that). Their hard work and in-depth knowledge of the mineral-rich land has already paid off, and their Chablis Premier Cru 2021 won a gold medal during this competition. 2018 was also the year in which the Domaine Antoine & Laurent Robin – another new face which stood out in this competition – decided to begin vinifying and selling their own wines. Throughout all of Chablis, there is a strong sense of the importance of the next generation: Thomas Ventoura, from Domaine Ventoura, commented that “the new generation brings dynamism and is an important social media presence for customers. But we also bring awareness of the exceptional terroir that we have in Chablis, and are focused on new practices that are more thoughtful and responsible for the environment.”

With the new faces taking up the reins in such a manner, the future of Chablis is bright. Competitions such as this, with representatives such as Jasper Morris, help highlight the exciting and dynamic work happening in this region.

Jasper Morris, in the heart of Chablis

Jasper Morris, originally from the UK, comes from a family of lawyers. Passionate about wine, he preferred to forge a career as a wine merchant. In 1981 he founded his business, Morris & Verdin Ltd, before becoming a Master of Wine in 1985.

Jasper is passionate about wines from Bourgogne. In 1991 he moved to the Cote d'Or and in 2010 published the first edition of his book *In the Heart of Burgundy*. In 2003 he sold his company to Berry Bros & Rudd, where he then worked until 2017, when he stopped working in trade. He then began his website 'Jasper Morris Inside Burgundy' (www.insideburgundy.com), dedicated to wines from Bourgogne, to pass on his knowledge and expertise to wine-lovers.

In 2016 he was named as a consultant for Christie's, then Sotheby's, for the sale of wines from the Hospices of Beaune.

In 2021 he published the second edition of his book *In the Heart of Burgundy*.



The 24 medals from the 37th Competition of Chablis Wines

Number of samples : 259

Number of tasters : 71

Number of Producers represented : 71

Number of wines awarded medals : 24

Petit Chablis 2021

Gold Medal

Domaine ALEXANDRE

Silver Medals

Maison SIMONNET-FEBVRE

Guillaume VRIGNAUD

Bronze Medal

Domaine Dominique GRUHIER, Sur les Clos

Nominated

La CHABLISIENNE, Pas Si Petit

Domaine du CHARDONNAY

Domaine CHRISTOPHE et Fils

Clotilde DAVENNE

Domaine de La MOTTE

Domaine PASSY LE CLOU – Famille DESCOMBE



Chablis 2021

Gold Medals

Domaine Jean-François and Pierre-Louis BERSAN

Domaine COURTAULT MICHELET

Domaine de La MOTTE

Silver Medals

Domaine OUDIN

Domaine SERVIN

Bronze Medals

Domaine Antoine and Laurent ROBIN

Domaine VENTOURA

Nominated

Jean-Marc BROCARD, Cuvée Sainte Claire

La CHABLISIENNE, Les Vénérables

Domaine Christine, Elodie and Patrick CHALMEAU

Clotilde DAVENNE, vieilles vignes

Domaine Dominique GRUHIER

Domaine Céline and Frédéric GUEGUEN

Thierry LAFFAY

Domaine MILCENT

Domaine Camille and Laurent SCHALLER

Domaine SOUPÉ

Domaine Vincent WENGIER

Chablis Premier Cru 2021, Left Bank

Gold Medals

Domaine Jean-Paul and Benoît DROIN, Vaillons

Domaine SOUPÉ, Vaillons

Silver Medals

Domaine Jean-Paul and Benoît DROIN, Vosgros

Domaine Alain GEOFFROY, Beauroy

Bronze Medal

Domaine des MALANDES, Montmains

Nominated

La CHABLISIENNE, Montmains

Domaine du CHARDONNAY, Les Lys

Jean COLLET et Fils, Vaillons

Domaine Daniel DAMPT et Fils, Les Lys

Domaine Jean JACQUIN et Fils, Vaillons

LAMBLIN & Fils, Vaillons

Domaine des MALANDES, Vau de Vey

Domaine MOSNIER, Beauroy

Domaine PASSY LE CLOU – Famille DESCOMBES, Beauroy

Domaine OUDIN, Vaugiraut

Domaine Camille and Laurent SCHALLER, Vau de Vey

Maison SIMONNET-FEBVRE, Montmains

Maison SIMONNET-FEBVRE, Côte de Léchet

Chablis Premier Cru 2021, Right Bank

Gold Medals

Domaine Jean-Paul and Benoît DROIN, Mont de Milieu
Domaine des MALANDES, Fourchaume

Bronze Medal

Domaine GAUTHERON Alain and Cyril, L'Homme Mort

Nominated

Pascal BOUCHARD, Fourchaume
La CHABLISIENNE, Mont de Milieu
La CHABLISIENNE, Montée de Tonnerre
La CHABLISIENNE, Vaulorent
Domaine Daniel DAMPT et Fils, Fourchaume
Domaine Jean-Paul and Benoît DROIN, Montée de Tonnerre
Domaine Jean DURUP Père & Fils, Montée de Tonnerre
Domaine ELLEVIN, Vaucoupin
Domaine GAUTHERON Alain and Cyril, Les Fourneaux
Domaine Alain GEOFFROY, Fourchaume
Domaine Céline and Frédéric GUEGUEN, Vaucoupin
LAMBLIN & Fils, Fourchaume
Domaine SERVIN, Vaucoupin
Guillaume VRIGNAUD, Fourchaume

Chablis Grand Cru 2020

Gold Medals

Domaine Jean-Paul et Benoît DROIN, Hommage à Louis
Domaine SERVIN, Bougros

Silver Medal

Domaine Jean-Paul et Benoît DROIN, Valmur

Bronze Medals

Clotilde DAVENNE, Blanchot
Domaine Jean-Paul et Benoît DROIN, Vaudésir

Nominated

Domaine Jean-Paul and Benoît DROIN, Grenouilles
LOUIS JADOT, Blanchot
Domaine des MALANDES, Les Clos
Charlène & Laurent PINSON, Preuses

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About the Chablis Commission:

The Chablis Commission of the Bourgogne Wine Board manages the worldwide promotion of the wines of Chablis. Located only two hours from Paris, Chablis is the most northern of the five wine- producing regions in Bourgogne, Chardonnay's birthplace. Chablis' vineyards are composed of 14,390 acres spread-out in 417 maisons and domaines. Divided into four appellations (Petit Chablis, Chablis, Chablis Premier Cru and Chablis Grand Cru) these 100% Chardonnay based called for an invite to purity and minerality. With between 35 and 40 million bottles produced each year, Chablis wines represent a third of white Bourgogne offerings and export annually over 67%.

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