



HOUSE OF TOWNEND

FAMILY WINE MERCHANTS SINCE 1906

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## Chablis 1er Cru Montmains Vieilles Vignes 2021, Samuel Billaud

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| <b>Price</b> | £55.50  |
| <b>Code</b>  | CHAB079 |

Vaillons is one of the finest, and most popular, Premiers Crus on the left bank of the River Serein, its limestone, clay and gravel soils enjoy a south-easterly exposure which captures all the morning sun. Billauds' vines are over 70 years old, and in 2021 yielded just 25hl/ha, some 60% down.

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### Tasting Notes:

Wow! this is a very intense, expressive wine, complex from the very first nose, offering notes of dessert apple balanced with an intense minerality, a brooding sense of power, structure and energy. The acidity is perfect - poised, taut and vibrant.

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| Specification            |  |
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| ABV                      | 12%  |
| Size                     | 75cl   |
| Drinking Window          | Drink now  |
| Country                  | France   |
| Region                   | Burgundy   |
| Area                     | Chablis  |
| Type                     | White Wine   |
| Grape Mix                | 100% Chardonnay  |
| Genres                   | Fine Wine  |
| Vintage                  | 2021   |
| Style                    | Dry  |
| Body                     | Elegant, crisp and delicate  |
| Producer                 | Samuel Billaud   |
| <b>Producer Overview</b> | <p>This domaine is a new addition to our Chablis range and I am sure it will be a huge success. Samuel Billaud is one of the most exciting winemakers in Chablis, rivalling the wines of Jean-Marie and Bernard Raveneau but at a fraction of the price. His 2019s are fabulous, a little lower in alcohol and higher in acidity than the 2018 vintage with fine depth and concentration as a result of lower yields. The vendange was early in 2019, starting at the beginning of September, and the wines are a winning combination of the minerality of 2017 and the richness of 2018. All the wines have been aged for 12-18 months on the fine lees in order to develop extra tension and complexity.</p> |
| Closure Type             | Cork   |