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FAMILY WINE MERCHANTS SINCE 1906

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## Chablis 1er Cru Montmains Vieilles Vignes 2022, Domaine Samuel Billaud

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<b>Price</b>	£60.00
<b>Code</b>	CHAB108

Although Billaud has just a 0.8Ha plot on this popular left bank 1er Cru, his 35 year old vines are from a single plot planted on prime blue clay which adds fatness and structure to the resulting wine. Yields of 40hl/ha were slightly above average, but well down on the official maximum.

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### **Tasting Notes:**

A ripe, intense and steely Chardonnay, offering a ripe dessert apple character balanced by a high degree of tension and layered complex minerality. Hints of smoky gunflint, some peach and wet stones. Crisp, structured and powerful, this is a stunning wine that will age 5-10 years.

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Specification	
<b>Vinification</b>	Hand-picked, small baskets used to preserve fruit quality, pressing, then transfer into steel tanks and fermented for 12-14 days before ageing on lees for 18 months.
<b>ABV</b>	13%
<b>Size</b>	75cl
<b>Drinking Window</b>	Drink from 2025
<b>Country</b>	France
<b>Region</b>	Burgundy
<b>Area</b>	Chablis
<b>Type</b>	White Wine
<b>Grape Mix</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Genres</b>	Fine Wine
<b>Vintage</b>	2022
<b>Style</b>	Dry
<b>Body</b>	Elegant, crisp and delicate
<b>Producer</b>	Domaine 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>
<b>Closure Type</b>	Cork