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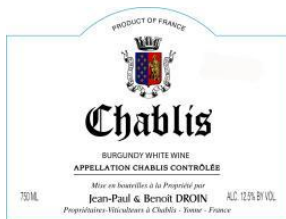


**Wine Advocate**  
2009 – 2010 Chablis  
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**2009 Jean-Paul Droin Chablis**

**88+**

*This is an exciting set of wines from Benoit Droin, one of the generation of rising stars in Chablis. The estate farms nine hectares of vineyards. Benoit Droin told me his choice of when to start picking in 2009 was deeply influenced by 2006, a year in which he felt he waited too long. The 2009s were brought in beginning in early September. The wines were fermented with indigenous yeasts and aged in steel and/or barrel, depending on the specific wine, as noted above. The 2010s, which I tasted from tank in their final blends, were among the highlights of my trip to Chablis. The 2010 harvest began on September 20th. Yields were down 30% on average. I also tasted a few older bottles, including the 2002 Valmur and 2004 Vaudesir, both of which were in great shape."*



**2009 Jean-Paul Droin Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos**

**94**

*"The 2009 Chablis Les Clos is striking in the way it saturates the palate in all dimensions with gorgeous inner perfume and layers of textured, brilliant fruit. Saline notes appear on the mid-palate and finish, giving the wine further intensity, focus and harmony. Hints of smokiness and crushed rocks wrap around the close. Here, too, the 50% oak is very nicely integrated. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2029."*



**2009 Jean-Paul Droin Chablis Premier Cru Montée de Tonnerre**

**92**

*"The 2009 Chablis Montée de Tonnerre comes across as beautifully balanced. It is one of the brightest wines in this lineup of 2009s. A vein of smokiness is layered into expressive peaches and white flowers on the deep finish. The Montee de Tonnerre was aged 25% in oak. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2024."*



**2009 Jean-Paul Droin Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir**

**92**

*"The 2009 Chablis Vaudésir is all about nuance. This is one of the more inward, chiseled wines among the 2009s. The finely sculpted white stone fruits and flowers flesh out nicely on the mid-palate, leading to an open, radiant finish. The Vaudésir is another terrific showing from Droin. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2024."*



**2010 Jean-Paul Droin Chablis**

**88-90**

*"The 2010 Chablis is simply dazzling, and makes for a great introduction to the estate's 2010s. It boasts gorgeous, bright fruit supported by attractive minerality. High toned floral notes add further lift on the finish. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2020."*





**2010 Jean-Paul Droin Chablis Grand Cru Grenouille 91 – 93**

*“The 2010 Chablis Grenouille is fat, rich and seductive. It possesses tons of generosity in its sweet, enveloping fruit. It is the most accessible and open of the 2010 grand crus, but lacks a little of the sheer excitement of the very finest wines in this vintage. The Grenouille saw 50% oak. Anticipated maturity: 2018-2028.”*



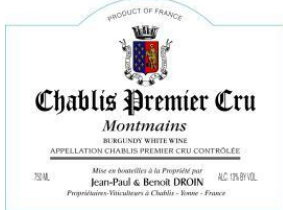
**2010 Jean-Paul Droin Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos 93 – 95**

*“The 2010 Chablis Les Clos is pure seduction. Sweet floral notes are woven throughout a core of expansive fruit in this richly textured wine. The Clos possesses fabulous balance and length, with a bright, zesty finish that balances some of the more overt aromas and flavors. This is another hugely promising wine. Like the Grenouille, the Clos was aged 50% in oak, but here the wood is integrated with greater harmony. Anticipated maturity: 2020-2030.”*



**2010 Jean-Paul Droin Chablis Premier Cru Montée de Tonnerre 93 – 95**

*“The 2010 Chablis Montée de Tonnerre is rather exotic in this vintage. It shows off layers of super-ripe fruit in a voluptuous, caressing style that, nevertheless, retains plenty of focus and verve. An array of saline, mineral and smoky notes appears later, adding further complexity. This is a striking, complete wine that simply dazzles from start to finish. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2030.”*



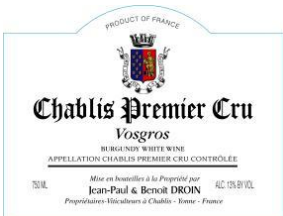
**2009 Jean-Paul Droin Chablis Premier Cru Montmains 92**

*“The 2009 Chablis Montmains is one of the more generous wines in this lineup. It possesses plenty of richness and body, with expressive white peach and flower notes that flow through to the long finish. This is a deep, rich style given a little more textural volume through the use of 35% oak. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2024.”*



**2010 Jean-Paul Droin Chablis Premier Cru Montmains 92 – 94**

*“The 2010 Chablis Montmains impresses for its rich, voluminous fruit and gorgeous depth. This is not my favorite wine here, but the 2010 is impossible not to admire for its stunning balance and clean, articulate finish. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2025.”*



**2009 Jean-Paul Droin Chablis Premier Cru Vosgros 88**

*“The 2009 Chablis Vosgros comes across as a bit burly and racy. It possesses quite a bit of intensity, yet some rough edges remain. Sweet white stone fruit and flowers develop in the glass, but this is ultimately a wine of impact and power. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2019.”*