

## **TASTING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **9 Delicious Burgundy Values at \$50 or Less**

Explore the leading French wine region with new reviews of impressive Chardonnays from Chablis and the Mâconnais, up to 92 points



Leading domaine Joseph Drouhin harvests grapes from estate vineyards up and down Burgundy, from Chablis to the Mâconnais. (Courtesy of Joseph Drouhin)



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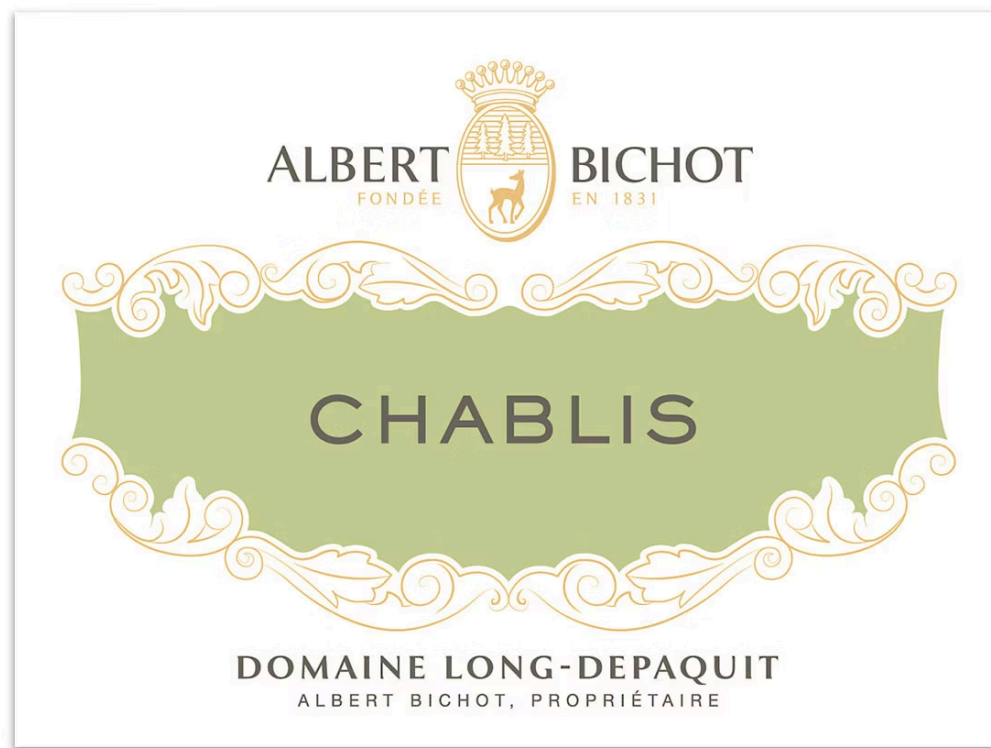
*Tasting Highlights' wine reviews are fresh out of the tasting room, offering a sneak peek of our editors' most recent ratings—including scores and full tasting notes—to WineSpectator.com members.*

It's challenging to find good value in [white Burgundy](#) [<https://www.winespectator.com/articles/burgundy-s-elegant-2020s-tasting-report-101523>] , yet this week's lineup of nine white wines offers five bottlings priced \$32 or less. If you are willing to up the ante to \$50, your possibilities broaden, almost doubling the number of labels. And you're just in time to enjoy them during the summer months.

It's also no surprise that [Burgundy](#) [<https://www.winespectator.com/regions/burgundy>] 's best value whites hail from its northern and southern outposts: [Chablis](#) [<https://www.winespectator.com/regions/chablis>] and the [Mâconnais](#) [<https://www.winespectator.com/regions/maconnais>] . I have been urging readers to explore these two areas for the better part of my 20 years as *Wine Spectator's* [lead taster for the region](#) [<https://www.winespectator.com/display/bruce-sanderson-decanted>] .

The good news is that the 2022 [vintage](#) [<https://www.winespectator.com/vintage-charts/region/burgundy-white>] delivered both quality and quantity. The wines are ripe, but rarely overripe, despite a warm year that also saw adequate rainfall in the spring and again in mid-August. While Chablis and Mâcon whites reveal peach flavors, the latter are distinctively riper and rounder, and the former display telltale flint, chalk dust or stone notes.

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## ALBERT BICHOT

Chablis Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022

Score: 90 | \$30

**WS review:** Displaying lemon, apple and mineral notes, this sleek white shows fine intensity and balance, with a silky texture and a light, chalky feel on the long finish. Drink now through 2027. 14,594 cases made, 2,500 cases imported.—*B.S.*

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## ALBERT BICHOT

Mâcon-Milly-Lamartine 2022

Score: 90 | \$28

**WS review:** A kiss of vanilla weaves throughout the peach, pear and floral aromas and flavors in this delicate, charming white. Lively and lingering, with lemon freshness and a hint of stone. Drink now. 3,365 cases made, 500 cases imported.—*B.S.*

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## ALBERT BICHOT

Mâcon-Villages 2022

Score: 88 | \$21

**WS review:** White flower and peach aromas give way to almond, apple and lemon flavors in this succulent white, which is fleshy midpalate, with a firm, bitter citrus finish. Drink now.

8,600 cases made, 3,600 cases imported.—*B.S.*

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