

## *Inside Burgundy - June 2022*

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My first visit of the week was to see Clotilde Davenne and taste both her 2021s and 2020s. In 2021 she has managed to make almost all her usual appellations, with very variable yields, specified alongside each wine.

She began on 25th September, picking the reds early to avoid the onset of rot, and most wines needed a small degree of chaptalisation.

Nothing had yet been bottled, though several had been prepared – assuming she can get the bottles to do so!



### **2021, St-Bris, Clotilde Davenne 87-88**

Mid lemon yellow, with a really delicious welcoming Sauvignon nose. This immediately hits the button, a little gooseberry, builds depth on the palate, light but correct acidity with more persistence than the Aligoté.

Drink from 2023-2025

### **2021, St-Bris Vieilles Vignes, Clotilde Davenne 87-89**

Mid lemon yellow. The bouquet is riper and with more weight, perhaps less immediate, but still very recognisably sauvignon. More in white fruit with a little blackcurrant leaf at the edges. A slight youthful bitterness. Once again there is more flesh than one might have expected from this vintage.

Drink from 2024-2026

### **2021, Bourgogne Aligoté, Clotilde Davenne 85-86**

Quite some colour, lively fresh and full nose, nothing shy here. Greengage, thick skins, medium plus length, not too much acidity and fleshens out at the finish.

Drink from 2023-2024

### **2021, Bourgogne Aligoté Vieilles Vignes, Clotilde Davenne 86-87**

Pale to mid yellow with a green streak. More muscle better acidity, plenty of yellow plum fruit, fair length. Nice tension at the back. As I have noted in the past, her Vieilles Vignes cuvees are usually a big step up from the already competent regular bottlings.

Drink from 2024-2026

### **2021, Bourgogne Chardonnay, Clotilde Davenne 85-87**

Grown on a kimmeridgian, gentle south facing slope, almost flat really, in Préhy. A late ripener at this altitude. Palish colour, attractive chardonnay nose not really speaking of Kimmeridge. Perhaps a little on the palate, along with some lemon zest.

Just a little flabby perhaps on the palate.

Drink from 2023-2025.

### **2021, Bourgogne Côtes d'Auxerre, Clotilde Davenne 86-88**

From 75 year old vines. Pale colour with a powerful and delicious bouquet, expressing the kimmeridgian. Saline up front, with riper white fruit behind, fairly fleshy and with some length. There is a tiny bit of blackcurrant leaf reduction.

Drink from 2024-2027

### 2021, Petit Chablis, Clotilde Davenne 86-88

Some yellow in the colour. Relatively classic bouquet, quite open. Good minerals come up behind as this is a kimmeridgian Petit Chablis. Indeed, the stones proceed very nicely through to the back of the palate while the fruit has a juicy immediacy. Drink from 2023-2025

### 2021, Chablis, Clotilde Davenne 86-89

Mostly from the slope opposite Vau de Vey. A little green touch to the colour. Restrained grassy bouquet but much more mineral on the palate. Cannot avoid the juiciness though. Long finish with some austerity. Still a grassy touch. Drink from 2024-2027



### 2021, Chablis Vieilles Vignes, Clotilde Davenne 87-90

Domaine. A gorgeous lemon and lime colour with a classical Chablis nose. Just at the end one picks up a riper aspect with some honeysuckle. This is a fine example with an excellent marine feel at the finish. Licking stones as the tide runs out. Very good length especially for the vintage. Drink from 2024-2028

### 2021, Chablis Vaucoupin 1er Cru, Clotilde Davenne 88-90

Pale lemon and lime. White fruit with a saline buzz to it. Medium bodied, quite softly fruity for Vaucoupin, with medium plus length. Drink from 2024-2028

### 2021, Chablis Montmains 1er Cru, Clotilde Davenne 90-92

Pale primrose. The bouquet suggests greater weight of fruit than Vaucoupin and indeed this is more classic, delivering significant volume through the middle, good acidity and some length. Just on the fruit forward side of reductive. The peach and honeysuckle are not far behind though. Drink from 2025-2030

### 2021, Bourgogne Côtes d'Auxerre, Clotilde Davenne 87-88

A balanced mid purple colour and the bouquet is more about the fruit than the sunshine. Still some gas, lighter fruit, fairly high acidity, but drunk chilled in the early summer will work. On balance, this works for me better than the sunny side up 2020. Drink from 2024-2025

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