

## Céline et Frédéric Gueguen – 2016

*Tasted in Préhy with Frédéric Gueguen, 17 January 2018.*

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#### Fred on 2017:

*"2017 for us is a good vintage.*

*"We produced a regular vintage volume, and the quality looks really good. We were a little frosted but the 1ers were protected. Really the damage to our parcels in 2017 was very low."*

#### Fred on 2016:

*"2016 was complicated here!*

*"There was so much hail here in Prehy – in 17 of our 22 hectares it wasn't possible to harvest. Overall, we produced 60% less wine – for example 2,000 litres from over 2 hectares of St.Bris. But the grapes that survived were good, also our vines in Chichée weren't touched."*

The wines...

*So much to commend/recommend – lots of excellent wines but some great ones too.*



#### 2016 Bourgogne Côtes Salines

*Chardonnay from St.Bris, plus chardonnay from next to Préhy but just outside the Chablis aoc.*

A wide nose, of freshness but a meaty depth riper fruit. Some gas, but directly this is open and showing a fresh, fruited, mineral style that's really very tasty – very mouth-watering and just a little different – Yum!

#### 2016 Petit Chablis

*From 1.3 hectares in Préhy, but only 1,200 litres produced...*

A more up and down – high and low-toned – wine. Silky and fresh, great direction, fresh deliciously mouth-watering and mineral flavour. Long too – such a great vintage for PC.

#### 2016 Chablis

*From Préhy and Chichée – 6 hectares in total.*

A deep nose, and vibrantly mineral too – yes! Bid volume – every place is filled, melting, concentrated but fresh and alive – ooh this is so good! Bravo great Chablis!

#### 2016 Chablis 1er Vosgros

*Two parcels, one in Vosgiros, together about 0.45 ha and with about 25 years of age.*

More high tones, practically a little fumé – really mineral. In the mouth really mineral too – so mouth-watering, great wine with some salinity too but wait a minimum of 18 months before thinking about opening a bottle! Excellent!

#### 2016 Chablis 1er Vaillons

*Bought in must and vinified.*

Ooh – this is very attractive lots of pure and complex, fresh notes – attractive notes – drink me it shouts! This is wide over the palate, complex too, really juicy wine – you should wait again, but maybe only 6 months for this one – super Vaillons!

#### **2016 Chablis 1er Vaucoupin**

*42-year-old vines in one single parcel, planted in 1975. Back to domaine wine*

Deep and vibrant nose – ‘yes’ minerality with a touch of agrume to balance! A little smoky reduction but such a great complexity – agrume / citrus skin – a very modest rigour like the others so don’t drink straight away, but this is long, mouth-watering and oh-so complex – yes!

#### **2016 Bourgogne Rosé**

*Pinot Noir some skin contact and directly pressed – the pinot from Prehy with a little from St. Bris too. Mainly sold in US*

Wide, weighty, quite nice notes. A nice line of freshness and minerality through the core – layered and with a little salinity. Really the freshness here over-rides the inherent richness of a pinot-rosé this is very tasty wine indeed – yum!

#### **2016 Irancy Les Mazelots**

*1.23 hectares that produced ~1,500 litres – so about 12 hl/ha*

A deep and wild nose – but no César in this! It’s a really dark and concentrated nose, showing turned earth – with air the nose is becoming more classic and beautifully fruity. Big in the mouth – lots of wine, a little astringence to the texture – big wine again – slowly becoming calmer as the flavours slowly fade in the finish. I find this hard today and would wait at least 2–3 years before returning to see how it’s softened – or I would splash decant and wait a couple of hours!