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When lockdown was eased, in July, one of the first things we did was make a quick trip down to Chablis in order to taste through the range of Patrick Piuze's 2019's. We had seen Patrick in London in January and he was very excited about the potential of his 19's and so we wanted to taste them for ourselves as soon as we could.

For those of you who don't know Patrick Piuze and his wines, he is one of the most exciting of the new wave of producers currently making wine in Chablis. A Quebecois who has worked for some of the biggest names in Burgundy, Patrick set up on his own in 2008 and has quickly developed a reputation for producing, extremely precise, terroir driven wine which compare favourably to the very best produced in the region. While Patrick does not own any vineyards he has developed long term relationships with vineyard owners who now also own a percentage of his business. This means he can control every aspect of production and ensure the continuity of vineyards sites in his portfolio.

2019 was another very warm and dry growing season, although thankfully the spring had seen enough rain to ensure that the vines never became too dry. Average temperatures were a little down on the previous year and yields were significantly below the very generous 2018 vintage due to poor flowering.

One of the concerns associated with warm vintages is that the wines can lose some of the precision and terroir specific character that you look for in great Chablis. I am glad to say that Patrick's wines have managed to maintain the transparency and precision that are hall marks of this domaine. Alongside this there is an extraordinary density and intensity which is due to a Patrick's decision to pick slightly later than some of his neighbours. He did this to ensure full skin ripeness and the decision has added a fabulous concentration and complexity to the wines without them ever feeling heavy or out of balance. Overall, this was a superb set of wines from an exceptionally talented wine maker. Alongside this they are also, for the moment, incredible value.

Please see our offer below and do let us know if you would like to discuss any of the wines or the vintage in general.

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| Chablis Terroir | Unit | In Bond* |
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| Petit Chablis <p>The Petit Chablis, which is actually on Kimmeridgian soil, is 100% tank-fermented. It has a light crushed stone and dandelion nose. The palate is well balanced with a slightly honeyed entry, fine acidity and a sapid finish. Fine.</p> | 12 | £160 |
| Chablis Terroir de Chablis <p>Coming from the north-facing hills of Vaillons and Montmains. It has a more reserved bouquet that needs coaxing from the glass. The palate is well balanced with a spicy entry, and quite lively in the mouth, leading to a peppery finish. Fine length here.</p> | 12 | £190 |
| Chablis Terroir de Courgis <p>Well defined on the nose, with more floral scents, dandelion and jasmine developing in the glass. In the mouth, it is finely tuned with a lovely spicy midpalate. Ginger and lemongrass judiciously lace the satisfying finish. Excellent.</p> | 12 | £190 |
| Chablis Terroir de Fye <p>A reserved bouquet that is recalcitrant at the moment. The palate is rounded and a little richer than Piuze's other cuvées this year, with a little spice toward the finish. For early drinking.</p> | 12 | £190 |
| Chablis Terroir de Chichee <p>A waxy bouquet displaying touches of jasmine and broom. The palate is well balanced with good acidity, notes of Nashi pear and hints of passion fruit, fanning out nicely toward a finish of nice length. Very fine.</p> | 12 | £190 |

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| Chablis 1er Cru | Unit | In Bond* |
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| Chablis 1er Cru Forets <p>A generous pineapple and honeysuckle nose, plus just a hint of menthol in the background. The palate is slightly honeyed on the entry with a fine bead of acidity, and lightly spiced with ginger and white pepper toward the engaging finish. Excellent length.</p> | 6 | £190 |
| Chablis 1er Cru Butteaux <p>An elegant bouquet of yellow plum, honeysuckle and touches of sea spray, all detailed and focused. The palate is crisp, taut and lightly spiced, with good depth, fine salinity and spiciness coming through toward the harmonious finish. Fine.</p> | 6 | £200 |
| Chablis 1er Cru Les Sechets <p>This comes from vines located just above Vincent Dauvissat's. The well-defined bouquet features honeysuckle and subtle white flower aromas. The palate is where the action is: it delivers vibrant citrus fruit, orange zest and light ginger notes. Lovely depth on the finish. This is an excellent Chablis.</p> | 6 | £200 |
| Chablis 1er Cru Vaurorent <p>A crisp, precise bouquet, quite mineral-driven, with touches of sea spray. The harmonious palate is rounded and lightly honeyed on the entry, delivering fine acidity and a finish that just needs to develop a little more complexity. The late-ripening nature of this vineyard comes through here. Good length, but needs more tension.</p> | 6 | £220 |
| Chablis 1er Cru Montee de Tonnerre <p>A little richer on the nose than the Les Butteaux, offering touches of butterscotch mixed with dried flowers, all very open and expressive. The open-knit palate is rounded and honeyed on the entry, and the mineral finish lingers in the mouth. Superb.</p> | 6 | £220 |

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| Chablis Grand Cru | Unit | In Bond* |
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| Chablis Grand Cru Bougros <p>Never quite clicks into fifth gear on the nose after gradually opening with dried honey and orange pith. The palate is much better, displaying a fine bead of acidity. Saline and vibrant, with a harmonious and poised finish. Very fine, although it needs a little more verve and nervosité.</p> | 6 | £260 |
| Chablis Grand Cru Blanchots <p>An expressive lemon sherbet nose with orange pith and touches of mandarin. The palate is fresh and linear on the entry, delivering modest depth and a saline finish. It does not quite engage as much as some of Piuze's other cuvées.</p> | 6 | £275 |
| Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos <p>A beautifully defined bouquet of quince, marmalade and light honeysuckle aromas. The palate is tightly wound, with crisp acidity, and very linear. The saline finish lingers in the mouth. Good potential.</p> | 3 | £200 |
| Chablis Grand Cru Preuses <p>An exquisite bouquet of honeycomb, orange blossom, quince and yellow flowers, all beautifully defined. The harmonious palate is taut and linear, with impressive depth and lip-smacking salinity on the finish. Maybe this will ultimately surpass the Les Clos.</p> | 3 | £200 |



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