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Domaine Samuel Billaud Chablis Grand Cru "Valmur" 2015 Burgundy, France

92+ Points

(Billaud works with east-facing vines on the left side of this grand cru): Bright lemon yellow color. Citrus fruit aromas complemented by smoky, spicy oak. Fat and thick but backward, with harmonious acidity and stony minerality energizing the middle palate. Finishes powerful and long but not hot, with a pungent flavor of crushed citrus peel. Billaud noted that the right side of this grand cru produces more complex wine but needs to be picked later. This example is distinctly soil-driven and brisk, with a rising finish (ST)

