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Maison Samuel Billaud
2017 Chablis “Les Fourneaux”
Burgundy, France

Score: 89-92

(from Côte de Près Girots and Morein). There is more obvious classic Chablis character in evidence on the nose in the form of oyster shell and tidal pool nuances that render the citrus and mineral-reduction-suffused nose more interesting. The mouth feel of the medium-bodied flavors is relatively sleek compared to what is typical for Fourneaux before culminating in a powerful and complex and only moderately rustic finale. I particularly like the complexity of the chalky finish and this too should be accessible young but reward mid-term cellaring.