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**Domaine Samuel Billaud**  
**Chablis 1er Cru “Mont de Milieu” 2015**  
**Burgundy, France**

**91 Points**

(Billaud bottled part of this wine last September but this unfiltered cuvée was finished in April of 2017 following six additional months on its lees in tank): Healthy bright yellow. Lovely precision and lift to the aromas of lemon, crushed stone and flint. A step up in energy and definition from the preceding samples--in fact almost austere for the vintage. This seriously mineral, dry, classic premier cru finishes with excellent rising stony length and citric tang. The acidity here is 4.2 grams per liter; Billaud told me that this cuvée has been his highest-acid wine since his days at Billaud-Simon. And he noted that this later bottling tightened up considerably during its months in tank. (ST)

