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2012 Francois Parent Corton Blanc Grand Cru

Francois Parent 
A Chardonnay Dry White Table wine from
Corton, Cote de Beaune, Burgundy, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Cost
eRobertParker.com Dec 2013	Neal Martin	(92-94)	Drink N/A	

The 2012 Corton Blanc Grand Cru is limited to just one new piece. It has a beguiling, mineral-driven bouquet that is full of tension and vigor – very focused with subtle notes of white peach and passion fruit. The palate is very well-balanced, the new oak keeping everything rounded and seductive but without detracting from the character of the lieu-dit. There is just a touch of spice on the finish. Long and tender in the mouth – this is a superb Corton-Blanc.

Caroline Parent mentioned that when she tours the United States, she carries a family tree so that customers do not get too entangled in the interconnected strands of the Gros and Parent branches. This is basically a negociant set-up based in Anne-Francoise's winery in Beaune. In the past, you would have found bottled labelled "Domaine A.F. Gros et Francois Parent", but now they are separate labels, the former reserved for domaine wines (see separate entry).

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