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Clos Du Val has made a name for itself with their lush red wines made from Bordeaux grapes, which makes sense since their founder, Bernard Portet, was raised in Bordeaux. I should no longer be surprised that they make excellent wine from non-Bordeaux grapes, such as Chardonnay, since they do it consistently. Although I long for the days when Chardonnays had with less than 13% alcohol, this one is balanced, elegant, and not over-ripe, and has just the right combination of creamy toastiness and citric acidity.

