



" PAVILLON DU GRAND CLOS " 2020

AOP BOURGUEIL ROUGE



GRAPE VARIETY
100% Cabernet franc

ANALYZES
Alcohol: 13,65 %
Residual sugar: 0 g/L
pH: 3,68
Volatile acidity: 0,50 g/L
SO2 total: 36 mg/L

PRODUCTION
1.136 bottles

THE ESTATE

Founded in 1936 by Eugène Amirault, the Y. Amirault estate is situated on the right bank of the Loire river, limestone land favored for cabernet franc. Taken over in 1977 by the grandson Yannick Amirault, it has constantly evolved to defend an organic and perfectionist cultivation of the vine. Today, it is the great-grandson Benoît Amirault who cultivates the ten crus spread over the village of Bourgueil & Saint-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil (19 hectares in total). Each terroir is gardened according to the lunar cycle, picked by hand and then aged individually in casks or sandstone jars. And as always, 100 % of the wines are produced with grapes from the estate only (no purchase of grapes).

LE TERROIR

« Pavillon » is a monopoly overlooking the famous hillside of « Le Grand Clos », located at the top of the village of Bourgueil. After 50 years of abandonment, the enclosure was restored, leveled and replanted in 1997. Single plot of 0,21 ha only!
Clay soil (1 to 2 meters) on Turonian limestone.
Natural grass cover and tillage under the row.

WINEMAKING

100% hand harvesting.
Double sorting of the grapes with destalking (no crushing).
Alcoholic fermentation in a cone oak vat, skin maceration of 4 weeks.
Aging during 18 mois in two 450L oak barrels.

THE VINTAGE

2020, a characterful vintage. The very mild winter followed by the fairly wet spring made an abundant outpouring of grapes ; the arid summer slowed down the ripening process. Manual harvesting was essential in this heterogeneous vintage, giving great Cabernet Franc with suprising balance.

NOTES

Cuvée released only in exceptional vintages (2003, 2005, 2010, 2017, 2018... and finally 2020), and in limited quantities.
Generous wine with a very subtle varietal identity, dense and melted tannins.
Drink now and through 2032.



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