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**DOMAINE BERNARD BAUDRY**  
(Chinon, Loire)

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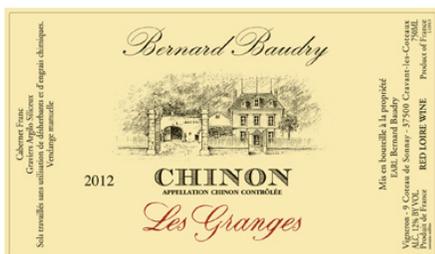


*Under the calm wintery sky with Matthieu Baudry in Le Clos Guillot vineyard in Chinon*

Domaine Bernard Baudry wines do not come with wax-capped bottles or impressionable art labels. Matthieu Baudry is more concerned about what is in the bottle. Matthieu Baudry does not attend *La Dive Bouteilles* or Raw Wine Fairs. He is too busy raising two young kids with his wife, and when he is not busy raising their kids, he is busy raising his vines. Matthieu Baudry is not exactly a marketing machine. Over the years, I come to love and respect more the quiet type *vignerons*, who march to their own beat. It is as though their characters are etched deeply into their wines.

Matthieu and his father Bernard quietly go about growing vines and vinifying the various *Chinons* in their chalk cellar. Although Matthieu and his father Bernard may be the quiet type, they are not in isolation. They take a deep dive to a chosen appellation every year, visiting the domains that they love, spending some quality time with other *vignerons*, sharing wines, and exchanging ideas. Their personal cellar has, not only of their own wines, but the other *vignerons'* wines from those visits. Every time I see Baudry's personal cellar during my visits to the domain, I drool.

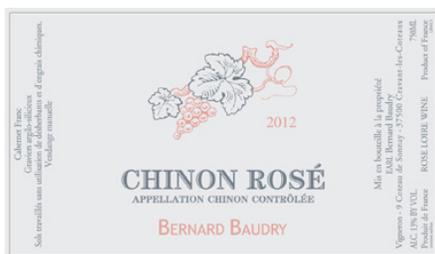
**CHINON 'LES GRANGES' 2020**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 891143 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$22.76 Wholesale / \$29.50 Retail per bottle**



A hint of violets. Stoney taste that adds complexity to this *Chinon*. An inimitable taste of Cabernet Franc grown in the Loire in the hands and heart of a great *vigeron*. Beautiful. *Les Granges* veyard is very close to *Vienne* River, where there is presence of sand that results in an excellent drainage – a sign of great vineyards. The sand gives this wine an easy-going, floral, and friendly *Chinon*. With the vines now reaching 35 years, *Les Granges* has been gaining complexity in recent years. It is hard to believe this is their “base” wine. Even better slightly chilled. 100% Cabernet Franc.

*(The labels are not be current vintages and are shown for illustration purposes only)*

**CHINON ROSÉ 2020**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 508762 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$22.76 Wholesale / \$29.50 Retail per bottle**

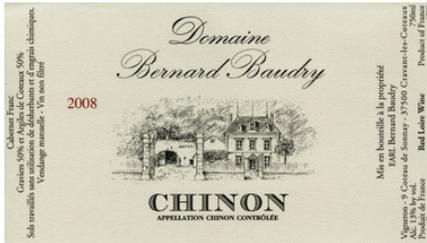


Yummy. Dry. Crisp. Crunchy. How can I put it? So, French. 100% Cabernet Franc. Hand-harvested grapes are pressed gently with skin and are fermented with ambient yeasts. From the vineyards with clay and very rocky silex. The clay-silex soil brings out the lightness and joyfulness in this rosé. A bottle to share and catch-up with your friend under September sun. It is beautiful now and even better with a few months in a cool cellar. I like to save a few bottles to enjoy over the winter

months with a roasted chicken.

## CHINON 'DOMAINE' 2019

**SPECULATIVE SKU: 615047 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$25.07 Wholesale / \$33.00 Retail per bottle**



Minerally. Crunchy fruits of blackberries. Sunny vintage of 2019 really brought out fruit in this wine. Delicious. Matthieu Baudry 'Cuvee Domaine' remains my benchmark for *Chinon*, and not just of because of modest price. It is a blend of various parcels. About 75% comes from the majestic parcel of *Saint-Louans*, where the site is comprised of limestone with very thin clay on top. The *lieu-dit* of *Saint-Louans* is special, known for lasting power and elegance. The remaining 25% comes from the gravel soil, where it gives suppleness. A beautiful *Chinon*. This wine ages beautifully.

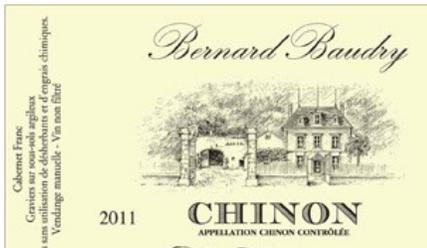
## CHINON 'DOMAINE' 2019 (MAGNUMS)

**SPECULATIVE SKU: 048825 1.5 Litre 6 bottles/case**  
**\$54.72 Wholesale / \$71.00 Retail per bottle**

This is the first time we were offered MAGNUMS. Life is short; drink MAGS. What value!

## CHINON 'LES GRÉZEAUX' 2018

**SPECULATIVE SKU: 544338 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$29.10 Wholesale / \$38.00 Retail per bottle**



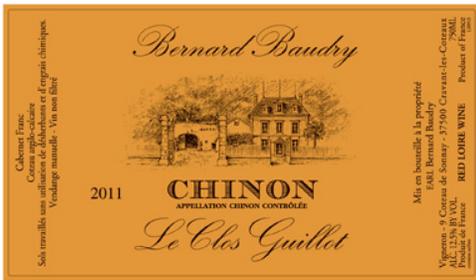
From the 80 year-old vines grown on gravelly soil with sand and limestone base, which gives this wine distinctive flinty and smoky nose. Astonishing in 2018. The vintage Matthieu Baudry calls "*magnificent!*". Silky. Minerally. Full of blackberries and violets. *Chinon* with great crunchy fresh texture while keeping finesse that so softly speaks French. Ages effortlessly for a decade and much longer.

## CHINON 'LES GRÉZEAUX' 2018 (MAGNUMS)

**SPECULATIVE SKU: 048830 1.5 Litre 6 bottles/case**  
**\$61.17 Wholesale / \$79.00 Retail per bottle**

Matthieu Baudry considers the 2018 vintage to be his best in the last decade. It is a paradoxical vintage, where the grapes gave rich both in sugar and in acidity. This wine is wrapped in rich fruit with refreshing acidity. A rare and unique vintage, where MAGNUMS were offered to us.

**CHINON 'LE CLOS GUILLOT' 2018**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 515452 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$35.20 Wholesale / \$46.00 Retail per bottle**



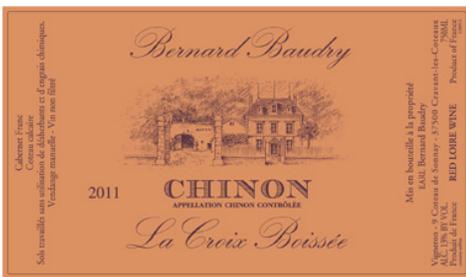
From the vintage Matthieu Baudry describes it as “magnificent!” during my visit to the domain in July 2019. The barrel sample was stunning. Now in bottles, this *Le Clos Guillot* is special. From the Cabernet Franc vines grown on yellow limestone. In *Chinon*, there are only a few *lieux-dits* that have this yellow limestone because such yellow stone is bounded by a fixed elevation and location. This yellow limestone gives this *Chinon* elegance and fine tannins. A

hint of alluring peonies perfume. This vintage gave pure and immense dark fruits with lingering mineral after taste. Fermented in the traditional *triconic* wooden vats and aged in neutral barrels for about sixteen months, followed by another year in bottles in the icy cold limestone cellar. 100% Cabernet Franc.

**CHINON 'LE CLOS GUILLOT' 2018 (MAGNUMS)**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 048833 1.5 Litre 6 bottles/case**  
**\$73.37 Wholesale / \$95.00 Retail per bottle**

This is the first time Matthieu Baudry has bottled this *cuvée* in MAGNUMS and for a good reason. The 2018 is stunning.

**CHINON 'LA CROIX BOISSÉE' 2018**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 139832 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$ 43.73 Wholesale / \$57.00 Retail per bottle**



A tiny *lieu-dit* of *La Croix Boissée*, where it is completely covered in chalk with very little top soil. The vineyard is steep and exposure is south. This *Chinon* is in a mineral haze with finest tannins that coat back and sides of mouth, leaving freshness and lingering aftertaste. When I tasted from the barrels with Matthieu Baudry in July 2019, it was obvious why this *cuvée* is his top wine. *La Croix Boissée* is spherical and complete. This is a singular *Chinon*. *Élevage* is very long

– 18 months in barrels, followed by another year or more, depending on vintages, in bottles prior to release. If you serve this wine now, decant to show its beauty. This has a long life ahead. Lovely. One of the best *La Croix Boissée* from one of the finest vintages.



*The domain cellar of Bernard Baudry with their 'Domaine' Chinon 1996. Photo taken in 2017.*

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