

CATHERINE & PIERRE BRETON
(Bourgueil, Chinon, Vouvray - Loire)



With Pierre Breton in the rear view mirror as we enter Clos Sénéchal in Bourgueil

I toss around like a sack of potatoes in Pierre Breton's tiny 1970's Renault station wagon as he negotiates the narrow country lanes of *Bourgueil*. We are in the heart of Loire. We are off the races to see the vineyards. Catherine & Pierre Breton have tiny multiple vineyards in *Bourgueil*, *Chinon* and *Vouvray*. This vineyard adventure ends with the visit to *Clos Sénéchal* in *Bourgueil*, where the Loire River meets the Vienne River, just the way it is shown on the label. *Clos Sénéchal* has been with the Pierre's side of family since the French Revolution and has been guarded preciously through the generations. The locals consider the *lieu-dit* of *Clos Sénéchal* to be one of the most privileged *climats*.

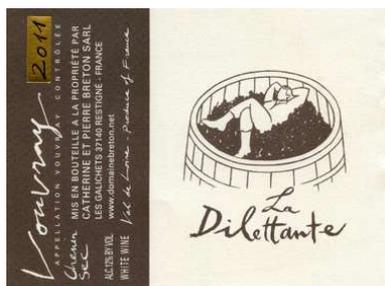
It is hard to believe. It already has been seven years since we started working with Catherine & Pierre Breton. This shipment is our seventh consecutive vintage of Catherine & Pierre Breton.

VOUVRAY 'LA DILETTANTE' METHODE TRADITIONELLE BRUT NV
SPECULATIVE SKU: 161075 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$27.76 Wholesale/ \$32.00 Retail per bottle



Happy to have this bubbly back in stock as we approach Holiday Season. Vouvrays *pétillant* using the traditional Champagne method. An equal blend of two vintages. The wine is aged about 30 months in its lees before disgorged. That is a lot of lees time! There are so few *vignerons* doing this extended lees aging. Lively. Pure. It has that very zesty personality that I associate with fine Vouvrays *pétillant*. Full of personality. Try it with our local oysters. Great with sushi. Vouvrays *pétillant* made traditionally like this ages very well. 100% *Chenin Blanc*.

VOUVRAY 'LA DILETTANTE' 2015
SPECULATIVE SKU: 035006 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$27.77 Wholesale/ \$32.00 Retail per bottle



Dry still Vouvrays. 100% *Chenin Blanc*. Alive with mineral tension and grace. Elegant. Harmonious. Forty-year old vines grown on limestone from one of the most striking appellations. The grapes are hand-harvested and gently pressed. *Élevage* is in neutral tanks. Delicious with all shell fish dishes – moules & frite, seared scallops or a whole roasted brill sole? Endless combination of fish dishes with this *Chenin Blanc*. This is a new vintage.

(Note: Labels are not current vintages and are for illustration purposes only)

CHINON 'BEAUMONT' 2013
SPECULATIVE SKU: 767731 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$26.18 Wholesale/ \$31.00 Retail per bottle



No other wine appears to be more aesthetically French than a great bottle of Chinon. It has strong personality - almost that French 'f**k-you' attitude, especially at introduction. The charm of Chinon only comes after one reaches beyond the cold introduction. When first bottled, this wine was shy and closed. Now, it is showing the class of this treasured vineyard in Chinon. This wine comes from the southern mid-slope *lieu-dit* of *Beaumont*, where it is clay on top and limestone underneath. Full of violets and mineral. Balanced. Filled with energy. Alive.

The vinification is traditional in wooden vats and *élevage* is in neutral barrels for about a year. 100% Cabernet Franc. Warm-up to the introduction of this Chinon by decanting.

BOURGUEIL 'TRINCH!' 2014
SPECULATIVE SKU: 161190 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$23.66 Wholesale/ \$27.50 Retail per bottle

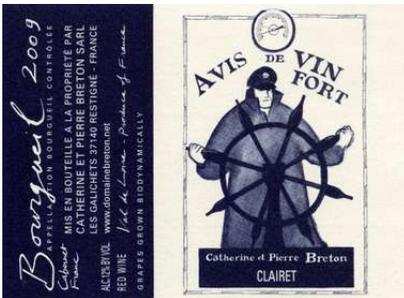


This is a new shipment. From the Cabernet Franc vines grown on gravelly soil surrounding Catherine and Pierre's farm. Inimitable *Bourgueil*. Pure. Pleasurable. The macerated skins from the 'Avis de Vin Fort' is added to Trinch!, which lends body and colour. Best slightly chilled. Trinch! means Cheers!, championed by the 15th century poet *Francois Rablais*, who was born near *Bourgueil*. 100% Cabernet Franc.

BOURGUEIL 'TRINCH!' 2014 (MAGNUMS)
SPECULATIVE SKU: 413948 1500ml 6 bottles/case
\$47.06 Wholesale/ \$55.00 Retail per bottle

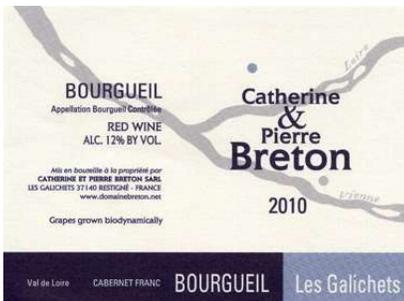
In MAGNUMS. This size comes in handy especially during Festive Season.

BOURGUEIL 'AVIS DE VIN FORT' 2015
SPECULATIVE SKU: 161182 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$23.66 Wholesale/ \$27.50 Retail per bottle



This is a new vintage. Frigging tasty! So charming and pretty. Individual. Full of personality. This wine sees only about a week of maceration. A wine you can see your fingers through your glass. A wine for all seasons. *Avis de Vin Fort* is 100% Cabernet Franc from gravelly soil. Minerally. Relaxed yet refined. It is best slightly chilled. I wish Catherine & Pierre Breton make this wine in MAGNUMS.

BOURGUEIL 'LES GALICHETS' 2014
SPECULATIVE SKU: 349803 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$27.77 Wholesale/ \$32.00 Retail per bottle



This is a new vintage. Fifty-year old vines grown on gravelly soil surrounding the domain. Youthful with mineral edge that lends structure to the wine. Elegant. Vibrant. Charged with primary fruit. So pleasurable to drink. 100% Cabernet Franc. There is something magical about Cabernet Franc grown on gravelly soils in *Bourgueil* from the cool climate of Loire. An inimitable expression of *Bourgueil*.

BOURGUEIL 'LES GALICHETS' 2012 (MAGNUMS)
SPECULATIVE SKU: 096396 1500ml 6 bottles/case
\$54.70 Wholesale/ \$63.50 Retail per bottle

No magnums were bottled in 2014. So, we got the last few bottles of very delicious 2012 in magnums. Drinking very beautifully right now with a long life ahead.

BOURGUEIL 'NUITS D'IVRESSE' 2013 (MAGNUMS)
SEPCULATIVE SKU: 454116 1500ml 6 bottles/case
\$59.40 Wholesale/ \$70.00 Retail per bottle



Nuits d'Ivresse, meaning 'Drunken Nights', pretty much describes my feelings about this wine. I simply want to open a second bottle with friends over a dinner that lasts well into the night. So, it is only reasonable that I import this wine in MAGNUMS. This wine is the only cuvéé that Pierre makes completely sulphur free. Keep cool. Old vines from the parcel with limestone. Vinification is traditional. The wine is raised about a year in neutral barrels. Lively. Structured. Decant if you want to enjoy now. 100% Cabernet

Franc.

BOURGUEIL 'NUITS D'IVRESSE' 2013
SEPCULATIVE SKU: 349845 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$28.58 Wholesale/ \$33.00 Retail per bottle

Comes in 750ml bottles, too.

BOURGUEIL 'CLOS SÉNÉCHAL' 2011
SPECULATIVE SKU: 161208 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$34.87 Wholesale/ \$41.00 Retail per bottle



This vineyard has been in the Breton family since the French Revolution. This *lieu-dit* is a 10 hectare enclosed vineyard, where Bretons own about 1.5 hectares. One of the most compelling expressions of *Bourgueil*. Singular. Structured. Statuesque. Supremely elegant. Macerated in a traditional open wooden vat and aged in *foudres* (big oak casks) for 18 months. The wine is aged in bottles for many months prior to release. The ancients knew this vineyard gave *grand vin*. This tiny walled vineyard sits on pure limestone with clay on top. The vineyard is on a gentle slope, facing south. Then, a mysterious break on the contour of the vineyard as it twists to face southeast halfway down the slope. Decant if you want to enjoy now. 100% Cabernet Franc.

BOURGUEIL 'LES PERRIERES' 2011
SPECULATIVE SKU: 406116 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$42.41 Wholesale/ \$50.00 Retail per bottle



Les Perrières is the top wine for Catherine & Pierre Breton. Beautiful. Elegant. Power without weight. *Les Perrières* is the most prized parcel in *Bourgueil* on a south-facing hill composed on sandstone on a bed of pure limestone. From the tiny 1 hectare site. The maceration is traditional in open wood vats. The fermentation and *élevage* follows in 550-L barriques. The wine is bottled unfined and unfiltered after two full years in wood. Best to decant if you are enjoying this wine now. 100% Cabernet Franc.