
LE CLOS DU TUE-BOEUF
(Les Montils, Loire)

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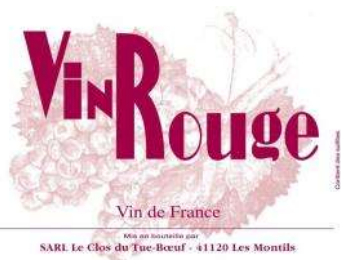
Thierry Puzelat of Le Clos du Tue-Boeuf during a harvest. I believe his T-shirt says all that is to be said.

Well, it took awhile. After years of importing, I finally can offer to our customers a complete list of wines from Thierry Puzelat's *Le Clos du Tue-Boeuf*. I always felt bad that I could not import all wines from Thierry. When tasting through the wines at the domain with Thierry, I knew Thierry was pouring his heart into every cuvée he made. And there I was – picking just a handful of wines to import. It was not because of Thierry. It was me. When I started importing his wines in 2010, the market for wines from independent growers was tiny and remains a little bigger than tiny. So, I imported what I could.

Perhaps, it is fitting that this is the year that I can offer all cuvées from Thierry. Because I received an unexpected email from Thierry back in November that he is bottling various magnums. This is the first time Thierry has bottled magnums. So, in addition to all cuvées, we received a complete list of magnums – although some are already sold out, even before I could order some for myself. This is going to be a long newsletter. So, pour yourself a glass of ice-cold Vermouth Sec (made by Vergano for Thierry Puzelat) or your favourite drink before start reading this newsletter.

VIN ROUGE 2023

SKU: 657619 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$26.51 Wholesale / \$34.00 Retail per bottle



This is the second shipment of this wine for this vintage. This vintage is a compelling blend of Gamay, Côt, and Pineau D'Aunis. That's right. Some Pineau D'Aunis! A *bistro vin*! A *bon vivant* wine. Light. Pretty nose and colour. A hint of haunting spices from Côt and weightless beauty from Pineau D'Aunis bring immense drinkability. Hard to put this wine down after just one glass. Chill this wine and serve it as a light summer red. Best slightly chilled. The retro label pays a homage to bygone era when wines like this were common in

local bistros.

VIN BLANC 2023

SKU: 12094 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$26.51 Wholesale / \$34.00 Retail per bottle



Zingy! This 2023 vintage is exuberant. A hint of lemon and pineapple with mouth-watering acidity. This 100% Sauvignon Blanc is grown on various soils: clay, sand, silex and limestone. This has all the charm and irresistible deliciousness of the Loire Sauvignon Blanc that I fell in love when I first visited Thierry Puzelat. I can't think of a better example of a Loire from one the greatest producers. This is also the second shipment of this wine for this vintage.

VIN ROSÉ 2023

SKU: 756940 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$26.51 Wholesale / \$34.00 Retail per bottle

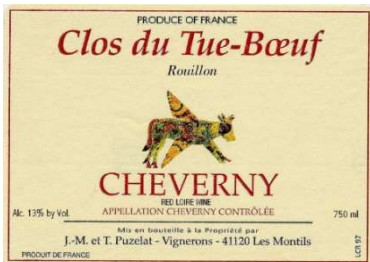


A delicious blend of Gamay, Côt and Pinot Noir. This is the first time Pinot Noir has been blended. All three varietals have a long history in the Loire. A hint of strawberry with cinnamon notes really makes this rosé sing. All varietals are directly pressed and fermented in neutral vats until the following spring. Grab a bottle of this and spend an afternoon at your favourite private place, and watch the world go by. Get a few cases of this before the spring sun shines when the majority

jump onto rosés and we are left with no rosé from Thierry – as it happens every year.

CHEVERNY 'ROUILLON' 2022

SKU: 67009 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$33.01 Wholesale / \$43.00 Retail per bottle



Spellbinding. Otherworldly. Perhaps, this is the finest version yet. This *Cheverny 'Rouillon'* is floral with a hint of peppery nose. It is an equal blend of Pinot Noir and Gamay. One of the most delicious *Chevernys* that I know. There is something magical about blending Pinot Noir with Gamay. The blend always gives an easy drinking wine while keeping the Pinot complexity. The *élevage* is in neutral barrels for about six months. *Rouillon* means 'rusty' in French and is due to the reddish colour of the vineyard.

CHEVERNY 'ROUILLON' 2023 (MAGNUMS)

SKU: 299759 SPECULATIVE 1.5 Litre 6 bottles/case
\$70.42 Wholesale / \$92.00 Retail per bottle

Even more delicious in magnums.

QVEVRI 2022

SKU: 163986 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$42.46 Wholesale / \$55.00 Retail per bottle



In the country of Georgia, QVEVRI means amphora. This wine makes me swoon. Purity in a bottle. A hint of beautiful peach-pear aroma. This wine is made in an amphora from Georgia, which gives a compelling cashmere texture. This is the Thierry's wine influenced by his visits to the country of Georgia. This is a skin-contact wine made with Sauvignon Blanc in an amphora. De-stemmed grapes are gently placed into a Qvevri. Then, the grapes are pressed with feet to release the juice, where it is fermented and aged in the Qvevri. Thierry Puzelat has a couple of Georgian amphorae, which are buried in the domain *chai*. Thierry has spent a considerable time in Georgia, where he was introduced to

Qvevri.

PRES DU BOIS 2022

SKU: 287803 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$29.95 Wholesale / \$39.00 Retail per bottle



Pretty and savoury. Inimitable taste of Cabernet Franc grown in the Loire. This is a new wine from Thierry Puzelat. 100% Cabernet Franc. As the name of wine implies, the vines are near the woods, where there is diversity surrounding the vineyard. This is the first time Thierry vinified Cabernet. A magical touch from Thierry and his team is self-evident. Beautiful texture with earthy mineral character that I associated with a great Cabernet. Fresh and vibrant. A hint of violets shining through. By the way, the Loire *vignerons* simply say Cabernet, meaning Cabernet Franc.

PINEAU D'AUNIS 2022

SKU: 558148 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$33.71 Wholesale / \$44.00 Retail per bottle



A hint of raspberries and flowers with white pepper - that is a hallmark of Pineau D'Aunis. 0% body and 100% soul. Lovely. *Pineau D'Aunis* is a disappearing varietal in the Loire. Widely planted in the Loire in the last century, only a few hectares of *Pineau D'Aunis* now remain. *Pineau D'Aunis* is very difficult to cultivate. Yields swing widely at its own discretion. Not the most commercially reliable varietal. For the artisan *vignerons* in the Loire, *Pineau D'Aunis* means a lot to them. *Pineau D'Aunis* is impossibly pretty.

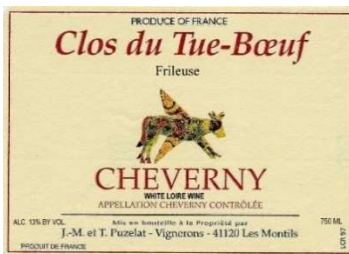
PINEAU D'AUNIS 2023 (MAGNUMS)

SKU 297885 SPECULATIVE 1.5 Litre 6 bottles/case
\$72.95 Wholesale / \$95.00 Retail per bottle

It is hard to tell if the 2022 or 2023 is the prettiest of the two. The 2023 is a little more floral and 2022 has a little more spices.

CHEVERNY 'FRILEUSE' 2022

SKU: 491894 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$33.01 Wholesale / \$43.00 Retail per bottle



Singing. Crunchy. Very vibrant. Fresh. A hint of guava brings out the exotic taste that is so compelling to this cuvée. This white is an unusual and delicious blend of *Sauvignon Blanc*, *Chardonnay*, and *Fie Gris*. *Sauvignon* brings fruits and immediacy; *Chardonnay* adds body and texture; and *Fie Gris* adds acidity and minerality. Each varietal is picked and fermented separately. Then, all varietals are blended and aged in neutral demi-muids (500 litre barrels) and Burgundian barrels (225 litre) for about nine months. Laurent Saillard told me this is the wine that inspired his Lucky You!. Now, you can drink the original and see for yourself why Laurent Saillard was inspired.

CHEVERNY 'FRILEUSE' ROMORANTIN 2023
SKU: 294576 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$40.00 Wholesale / \$52.00 Retail per bottle

This is the first time for this wine in our market. Thierry Puzelat planted a few rows of Romorantin in the *Frileuse* vineyard. Full of energy. Alive. Vibrant. Lost in the mineral haze. It is hard to imagine a finer expression of a white wine from Touraine. Romorantin, like Pineau D'Aunis or Grolleau, is also a historical and local varietal in the Loire. There were many hectares in the 1930's and 1940's. Now only a few hectares remain. Thanks to a vigneron like Thierry, more Romorantin vines are being planted.

TOURAINE 'LE PETIT BUISSON' 2022
SKU: 164010 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$29.96 Wholesale / \$39.00 Retail per bottle



Crunchy. Minerally. Inimitable deliciousness of Sauvignon Blanc from the Loire. Drink *Le Petit Buisson* and get reacquainted with what a great bottle of Sauvignon Blanc tastes like from the Loire. This wine translates where the vines are grown. *Le Petit Buisson* vineyard is a tiny 1.5-hectare parcel, which has flinty clay with limestone bedrock. *Le Petit Buisson* means 'Little Bush', which surrounds the vineyard. Direct pressed juice is fermented with ambient yeasts. *Élevage* in neutral Burgundy barrels for about six months prior to

bottling.

LE BRIN DE CHÈVRE 2022
SKU: 279866 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$39.81 Wholesale / \$52.00 Retail per bottle

Le Brin de Chèvre



Alive. Sappy. Graceful. Minerally. Utterly compelling. It is made from 100% *Menu Pineau*, which is another disappearing white varietal in the Loire. It is a risky varietal to grow because it ripens very late. With the temperatures getting warmer even in the Loire, *Manu Pineau* is making a stride. The vines come from two parcels that were planted in 1937 and 1950 with smatterings of recent plantings in the last twenty years. *Élevage* is in demi-muids (500 Litre) and Burgundy barrels (225 Litre) for about 9 to 10 months prior to bottling. A Loire

wine history in a bottle from one of the greatest *vignerons*.

BUISSON POUILLEUX 2022
SKU: 333551 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$36.64 Wholesale / \$47.00 Retail per bottle



This is the top Sauvignon Blanc from Thierry. This wine has it all – concentration, fruit, tension, and balance. *Buisson Pouilleux* is from a single parcel of about 1.1 hectare that has clay mixed with limestone and flint. About half of the surface was planted in 1950 and the other half in 1964. Sappy from the old vines. Rich and yet fresh with unmistakable Sauvignon character. Singular expression of Sauvignon Blanc from *Cheverny*. *Élevage* is neutral demi-muids and Burgundian barrels for about a year prior to bottling. Lovely.

CHEVERNY 'LA CAILLÈRE' 2022

SKU: 257055 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$39.81 Wholesale / \$52.00 Retail per bottle



Elegant. Floral. Pretty. A hint of raspberries in this vintage. Elegance and depth from the Pinot Noir. A tiny amount of Pinot Gris grown on *La Caillère* vineyard is blended into this cuvée, which gives elegant texture. Thierry tells me blending of Pinot Gris with Pinot Noir used to more common in Burgundy. *La Caillère* vineyard is about 1.4 hectares with flinty top soil with limestone bedrock. With the Pinot Noir vines now approaching 40 years, this wine is really showing its depth. *Élevage* is about ten months in neutral Burgundy barrels (225 Litre) and demi-muids (500 Litre) prior to bottling.

(Note: The labels may not reflect current vintages and are shown are illustration purposes only)

LA GUERRERIE 2022

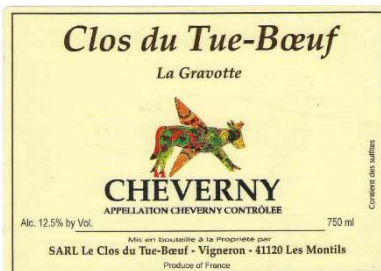
SKU: 609677 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$34.69 Wholesale / \$45.00 Retail per bottle per bottle



Exuberant. Cashmere texture with seductive nose. Densely packed with fruit that has a hint of blackberries/blueberries. For this vintage, *La Guerrierie* is a blend of 90% Côt (aka Malbec) and 10% Gamay. Power and seriousness of Côt is tempered with the playfulness of Gamay. Côt has dark, nearly purple colour and its stunning colour shows in this wine. Despite the deep colour, the palate is lively and light. *La Guerrierie* is an estate parcel that was co-planted with Côt and Gamay on a very clay soil. The *élevage* is about eight-to-nine months in neutral Burgundy barrels (225 Litre) and demi-muids (500 Litre) prior to bottling. Côt has been planted for centuries in *Touraine*. Always delicious when tasting from barrels, this wine has kept the beauty from the barrels into bottles.

CHEVERNY 'LA GRAVOTTE' 2022

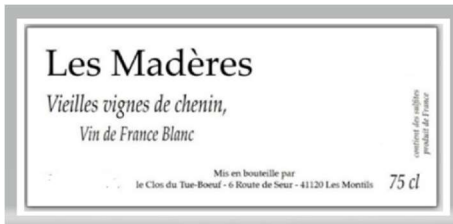
SKU: 256842 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$39.82 Wholesale / \$52.00 Retail per bottle per bottle



A blend of 95% Pinot Noir and 5% Gamay. This one is singing. Flowers and a hint of black pepper. A great entry with lovely midpalate. A finish that lingers. There have been many great *La Gravotte* rouges over the years but this one is really superb. The vines are about 40 years old. From the 1.2 hectare parcel that has a lot of stones and flint on top and limestone underneath. *La Gravotte* mean 'little gravely one'. *Élevage* is about ten months in neutral demi-muids (500 Litre barrels).

LES MADÈRES 2023

SKU: 333578 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$38.83 Wholesale / \$50.00 Retail per bottle



Complex. Creamy entry with a balanced bright finish. This wine is 100% *Chenin Blanc* from *Vouvray*. From the 80 year-vines from a young grower, who recently took over the family domain but currently does not have enough surface to make his own wines yet. Thierry Puzelat's team at *Le Clos du Tue-Boeuf* harvested the grapes by hand. The grapes are directly pressed and fermented with ambient yeasts. *Élevage* is in neutral barrels for about eight months prior to bottling. *Chenin Blanc* is the only varietal allowed by the appellation of *Vouvray*, where *Chenin* expresses exquisitely. *Vouvray* is on the northern side (right bank) of the Loire River, where there is a sudden rise of land, where the bedrock is limestone. *Vouvray* sits on a plateau of limestone bedrock. There is something special about *Chenin Blanc* grown on limestone of *Vouvray*.

VERMOUTH SEC (DRY)

SKU: 276632 SPECULATIVE 750ml 6 bottles/case
\$67.24 Wholesale / \$88.00 Retail per bottle per bottle



Finally, this Vermouth is back in stock. The base wine for this Vermouth is *Chenin Blanc* from *Vouvray*. In the previous batch, the base wine was *Romorantin* from *Le Clos Tue-Boeuf*. The wine is shipped to Italy, where Tommaso and Pietro Vergano work their magic to create this spellbinding Vermouth. Vergano is considered to be the finest Chinato and Vermouth producer in Italy. There is dedication involved in making this Vermouth as the herbs are added fresh (as opposed to dry) to the base wine. Since the various herbs come into season different times, each herb is added separately. This 'layering' of herbs and later with flowers (elderflower and acacia), followed by citrus and spices, really add an extra dimension to this Vermouth. This Vermouth is fragrant, fresh, and full of mysterious spices and herbs. Drink this Vermouth over ice – a civilized way to unwind the day and look forward to a celebratory evening. **Note:** this comes 6 bottles per case.



Hand-bottling magnums directly from the barrel