

---

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

April 2021



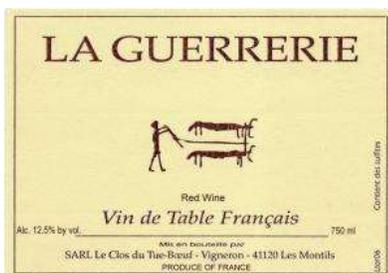
*With Thierry Puzelat at the Rouillon vineyard of Le Clos du Tue-Boeuf*

Thierry Puzelat purchased the land that surrounds his vineyards many years ago. The land came with the forest. You can see a glimpse of the forest at the end of vines in the photo above. Thierry has no intention of expanding his vineyard. With the purchased land, he wants to maintain biodiversity in his vineyards.

Thierry Puzelat's domain of *Clos du Tue-Boeuf* was one of the first *vignerons*, who agreed to export to our province in 2010. Thierry spent some time in Montréal in his youth and his love for Canada helped during my initial visit to his domain. *Clos du Tue-Boeuf* remains one of the most important domains for me personally and emotionally. *Clos du Tue-Boeuf* wines were the first Loire wines that I fell in love with. When I have a bottle of Thierry's *Le Petit Buisson*, *La Guerrerie*, *La Gravotte* or any one of his bottles, I am instantly transported to my first visit to his domain and my beginning of love for the Loire. Through the years, I have visited Thierry Puzelat's domain several times. I will always be grateful to Thierry for taking a chance on a new importer like me when I started the wine business.

So many of young *vignerons* in the Loire, and else where in France, have worked and trained with Thierry Puzelat. Despite his recognition and demand, Thierry remains down to earth. Thierry and his wife Cécile are also busy raising their two daughters. Their daughter Zoé is increasingly involved in the domain. It will be a promising transition when the time comes.

**LA GUERRERIE 2019**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 609677 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$29.67 Wholesale / \$39.00 Retail per bottle**

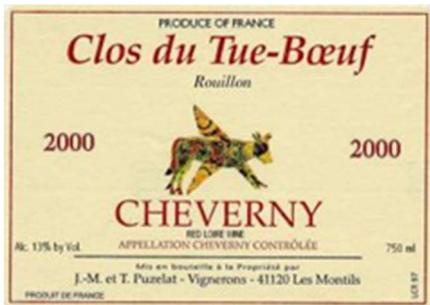


Floral with spices. Velvety texture. Feels luxurious. A very delicious and compelling blend of 70% Côt (aka Malbec) with 30% Gamay. Seriousness of Côt is reigned in by playfulness of Gamay. Extraordinarily delicious in this vintage. From the tiny parcel where the vines are forty years old that are grown on clay, silex soil with limestone bedrock. The limestone keeps this wine fresh and crunchy. Each parcel of Côt and Gamay is picked and fermented separately. Then, the wine is blended. *Élevage* in neutral barrels

for about ten months prior to bottling without filtration.

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

**CHEVERNY 'ROUILLON' 2019**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 067009 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$27.78 Wholesale / \$36.00 Retail per bottle**



A hint of raspberries and cherries. Supple. Cracked black pepper finish adds complexity. It is a blend of 50% Pinot Noir and 50% Gamay from the vines grown on the 1.9-hectare parcel that has reddish clay on top and limestone bedrock. *Rouillon* means 'rusty', which describes the top soil colour of the parcel. If you like the *Vin Rouge* 2019 and *La Butte* 2019 (both now sold out), you will love this wine. *Rouillon* is more complex than *Vin Rouge* and more elegant than *La Butte*. The previous 2018 vintage was

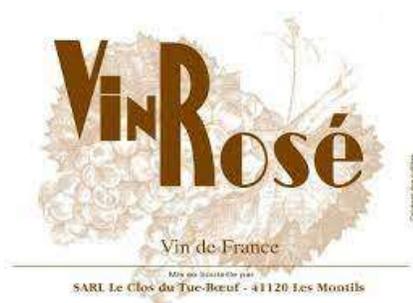
rich and decadent. This year's vintage of 2019 is more balanced and prettier.

**VIN BLANC 2019**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 012094 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$ 22.83 Wholesale / \$29.50 Retail per bottle**



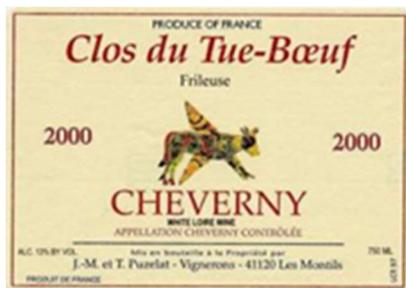
This 100% Sauvignon Blanc is grown on various soils: clay, sand, silex and limestone. This 2019 is rich but also has that zippy acidity. Very floral nose with a ripe exotic tropical fruit taste. This has all the charm and irresistible deliciousness of the Loire Sauvignon Blanc that I fell in love when I first visited Thierry Puzelat.

**VIN ROSÉ 2019**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 756940 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$22.83 Wholesale / \$29.50 Retail per bottle**



A hint of raspberry with blood orange for this vintage. This rosé has a juicy mid-palate from the sunny vintage. It is 100% Gamay that is directly pressed and fermented in neutral vats until the following spring. A rose to sit with over a late lunch in a garden on a Sunday afternoon.

**CHEVERNY 'FRILEUSE' 2018**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 491894 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$ 27.78 Wholesale / \$36.00 Retail per bottle**



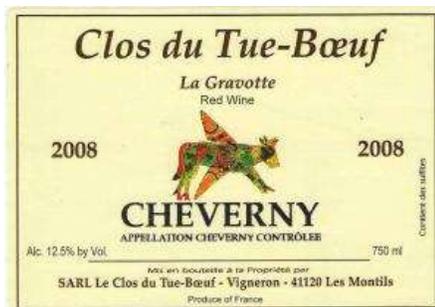
A delicious and compelling blend. Expressive and exuberant. A hint of peach with intriguing herbal and mineral flavours. An equal blend of Fié Gris, Sauvignon Blanc, and Chardonnay. Fié Gris is a different heirloom strain of Sauvignon Blanc and gives richer texture; Menu Pineau is an indigenous varietal of Loire that gives very mineral taste with good acidity. This 2018 vintage, paradoxically rich in sugar and acidity, took an additional time to complete fermentation. Thierry Puzelat, not the type of *vigneron* to intervene, just kept waiting until fermentation was complete. When I visited the domain in July 2019, this wine was still going through malolactic fermenting. Usually, the malo fermentation is completed in January or February. The old French saying “*the longer the malo, the finer the wine*” rings true. The wine is blended and aged in neutral demi-muids (400 litre barrels) for about nine months prior to bottling.

**TOURAINE 'LE PETIT BUISSON' 2019**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 164010 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$25.19 Wholesale / \$33.00 Retail per bottle**



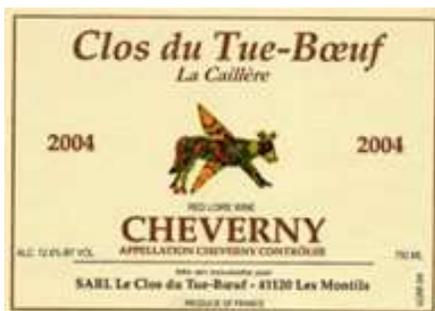
100% Sauvignon Blanc. Crunchy. Minerally. Imitable deliciousness of Sauvignon Blanc from the Loire. *Le Petit Buisson* translates to 'Little Bush' and the name of this cuvée refers to the tiny 1.5-hectare parcel, which has flinty clay with limestone bedrock. In fact, I taste the flint when I drink this wine and has that incomparable taste. Direct pressed juice is fermented with ambient yeasts - like all of Thierry Puzelat wines. *Élevage* in neutral Burgundy barrels for about six months prior to bottling.

**CHEVERNY 'LA GRAVOTTE' 2019**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 256842 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$35.58 Wholesale / \$46.00 Retail per bottle**



Summer fruits with a mineral undertow. This is primarily Pinot Noir (95%) with a touch of Gamay blended in. Hand-harvested grapes are fermented in open-top wooden vats and *élevage* is about nine months in neutral Burgundy barrels (225 Litre) and demi-muids (400 Litre). The vines are about 40 years old. *La Gravotte* comes from the 1.2 hectare parcel that has silex clay soil with chalk underneath. The bedrock of chalk keeps the wine fresh and gives a compelling taste. This, along with *La Caillère* (see below), is top wine for Thierry Puzelat.

**CHEVERNY 'LA CAILLÈRE' 2018**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 257055 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$34.14 Wholesale / \$44.00 Retail per bottle**



This 2018 vintage is decadent than usual from the generous sun during that year. Exuberant summer fruits with some spices. *La Caillère* is also predominately Pinot Noir but has a dash of Pinot Gris blended in. From the 1.3 hectare parcel that has flinty and clay. The parcel is just a few meters away from *La Gravotte* but the soil composition is different. Made is the same way as the *La Gravotte* above but the *élevage* is slightly longer with about a year in neutral Burgundy barrels (225 Litre) and demi-muids (400 Litre).