
CLOS DU TUE-BOEUF
(Les Montils, LOIRE)

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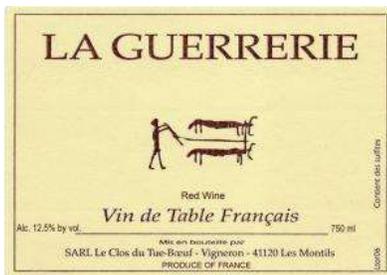


With Thierry Puzelat at the family domain *Le Clos du Tue-Boeuf*

Benjamin Franklin, after living as an ambassador to France for many years, concluded: “*Every person has two counties – her/his own and France*”. So, it is after many years of my travels in France, my sentiments for France are with the Franklin’s observation. My feeling for France deepens with each passing year.

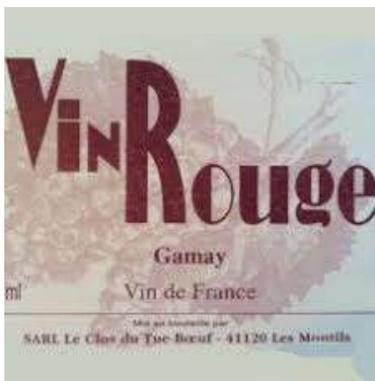
We had Clos du Tue-Boeuf from the beginning of our wine import business in 2010. We stuck with Thierry and his brother Jean-Marie through great and challenging vintages without skipping a vintage. The Puzelat brothers make delicious wines that are hallmarks of each vintage. Clos du Tue-Boeuf represents the beauty and splendor that is the Loire.

LA GUERRERIE 2016
SPECULATIVE SKU: 609677 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$27.61 Wholesale / \$32.00 Retail per bottle



This is a new vintage. A very delicious blend of 70% Côt (i.e. Malbec) with 30% Gamay. Extraordinarily pretty and perfumed in this cool and long vintage. Each parcel of Côt and Gamay is picked and fermented separately. Then, the wine is blended. The élevage in neutral barrels. Very high on the drinkability scale.

VIN ROUGE ‘GAMAY’ 2017
SPECULATIVE SKU: 657619 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$22.19 Wholesale / \$26.00 Retail per bottle

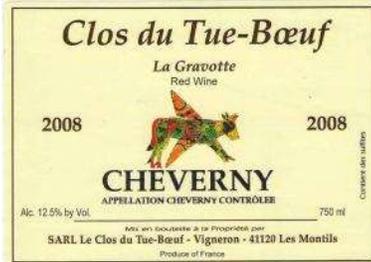


A *bistro vin*! If this wine was a person, she/he would be *bon vivant*. Light and yet has the complexity to make each sip memorable. Perfume and easiness of Gamay shining through. Chill this wine and serve it as a light summer red. Not easy to make this kind of wine for a *vigneron*, for such wine demands the vigneron to let of ego and be a wine lover. Hard to put this wine down. Thierry Puzelat always wanted to make an easy-going table wine that begs for a second bottle with plenty of foods to share at dinner table with friends. Here it is! 100% Gamay. Best slightly chilled.

Cheverny Couillon 2017
SPECULATIVE SKU: 164007 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$ 32.35 Wholesale / \$38.00 Retail per bottle

Thierry Puzelat lost the majority of grapes in 2017 due to the frost. So, what little he had in the parcels of *Rouillon* and *La Caillère*, he combined them together to produce the *Couillon*. One has to have a sense of humour to survive the frost. The resulting wine is superb. Clocking in at 11.5% alcohol, this wine has all the hallmarks of Thierry Puzelat’s magic touch. It is about 90% Pinot Noir and 10% Gamay. The élevage is about ten months in neutral demi-muids.

CHEVERNY 'LA GRAVOTTE' 2015
SPECULATIVE SKU: 256842 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$29.44 Wholesale / \$34.00 Retail per bottle



A couple of cases found during the recent annual inventory count at the warehouse with the price that will not likely to be seen again. La Gravotte, along with La Caillère, are the top wines for Thierry Puzelat. This wine is made with Pinot Noir. The élevage is in neutral demi-muids 500 litre barrels for about a year. From a handkerchief-size vineyard of just over one hectare. Pinot Noir of extraordinary elegance. A wild ride of dill, roses, summer red fruits with mineral undertone. Best slightly chilled.

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