

DOMAINE BERNARD BAUDRY (Chinon, Loire)



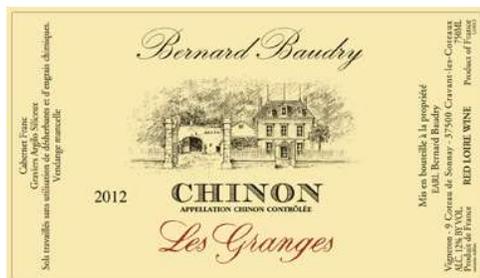
With Matthieu Baudry in the freshly ploughed clay parcel that produces the 'Domaine' cuvée

The nicest *vignerons* finish first. Matthieu Baudry, along with his parents Monsieur & Madame Baudry, are the warmest and nicest people that I know. And nicest *vignerons* do not poison their vineyards and cellars. The Baudry vineyards have been organic for years. The Baudrys are so out of wine fashion that their wines are always in style. Matthieu and Bernard Baudry do not belong to a particular band of *vignerons*. Matthieu Baudry does not party with wine importers. He is too busy growing vines and raising his family. Domaine Bernard Baudry is a family affair, whose dedication and love for Chinon are deeply rooted in the very village they were born and still live. Matthieu and his father quietly go about growing the vines with care and making beautiful, timeless Chinon reds, whites and rosé.

The numerous times that I have visited the domain, I am always amazed to see a stream of restauranters and private customers, who drop-by to purchase wines directly. If you have tasted Bernard Baudry Chinons, you already know what the informed locals know. And if you have

cellared Bernard Baudry Chinon reds and whites, you will be treated with a happy surprise. Barnard Baudry wines have graced my personal cellar from the very beginning.

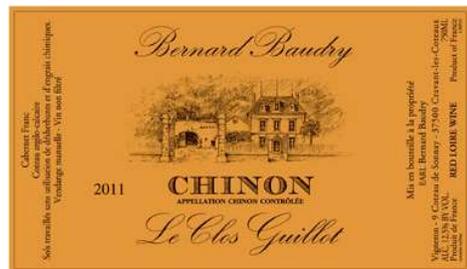
LES GRANGES 2015
SPECULATIVE SKU: 891143 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$21.34 Wholesale / \$25.00 Retail per bottle



There are two separate bottlings of this cuvée. I always get the second late bottling as I think it tastes just a little better. Voilets and minerals. One of the most food-friendliest wines I know. From the sandy vineyard that hugs the *Vienne* River. The sandy soil brings out the gulp-ability and deliciousness to this wine. Even better slightly chilled. 100% Cabernet Franc. Just a few more cases of this lovely 2015 before equally delicious 2016 comes our way.

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

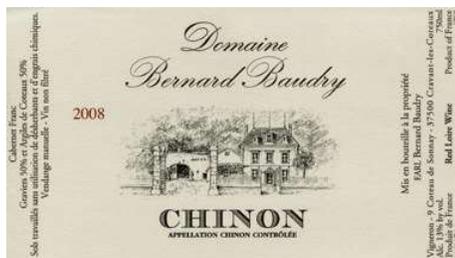
LE CLOS GUILLOT 2015
SPECULATIVE SKU: 515452 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$32.91 Wholesale / \$38.00 Retail per bottle



The 2015 vintage produced one of the most delicious *Le Clos Guillot*. The sun shone generously in 2015, producing concentrated grapes. *Le Clos Guillot* always tastes better with some cellaring but this vintage tastes relatively already to enjoy now. Dark colour with spice and mineral aromas. A hint of alluring peonies perfume. 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. Please cellar a few bottles. 100% Cabernet Franc.

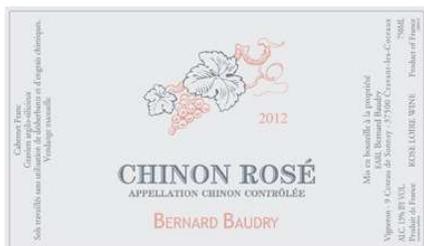
DOMAINE 2014
SPECULATIVE SKU: 615047 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$23.46 Wholesale / \$27.00 Retail per bottle



Happy to have a g few more cases of this vintage. It is nearly a perfect vintage with a long and gradual ripening season, which led to balanced wines. Perfumed with mineral undertone. Regal. *Croquant* (what the French call “crunchy”) to describe delicious wines. About half of parcels are sandy soil with the other half on clay soil. Matthieu Baudy has the harvest team pick the grapes by hand, like all their vines, separately on each parcel. Each parcel is fermented separately and then blended.

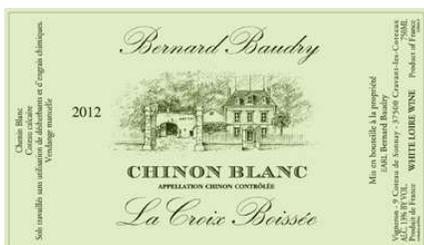
The blended wine is raised in neutral *triconic* vats (big oak vertical barrels) for about a year, followed by additional bottling aging prior to release. “*It is our house wine that defines what we do*”, tells me Matthieu Baudry.

CHINON ROSÉ 2017
SPECULATIVE SKU: 508762 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$21.34 Wholesale / \$25.00 per bottle



Hand-harvested grapes are pressed gently with skin and are fermented with natural yeasts. From the vineyards with clay and very rocky silex. The clay-silex soil brings out the lightness and joyfulness in this rosé. Celebrate spring and summer! 100% Cabernet Franc. It goes well with just about all dishes. This rosé has struck a love with our wine folks and our allocation does not seem to last very long.

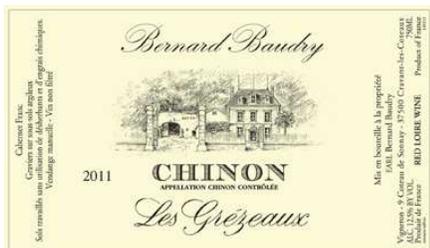
CHINON BLANC 'LA CROIX BOISSÉE' 2016
SPECULATIVE SKU: 447045 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$35.99 Wholesale / \$42.00 Retail per bottle



The very top part of *La Croix Boissée* vineyard has pure chalk limestone with very little clay on surface, where it is ideal for Chenin Blanc. The surface area is scant 0.5 hectare. The wine is raised in neutral 600 litre barrels for about a year before bottling. Complex. This white wine has the grace and luxury that remind me of a great *Meursault*. Not a common Chenin Blanc. This wine has a proven track record for aging beautifully. Leave a couple bottles in your cellar, if you keep your hands off. It is already very

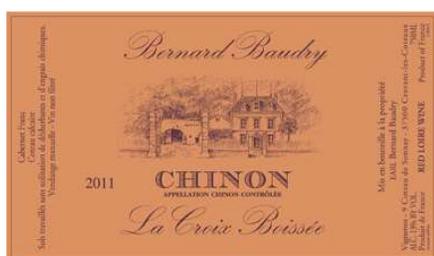
delicious.

LES GREZEAUX 2015
SPECULATIVE SKU: 544338 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$27.12 Wholesale / \$32.00 Retail per bottle



From the magnificent gravelly-clay parcel with the old vines over 70+ old vines, where they give tiny concentrated berries. 100% Cabernet Franc. This *climat* of *Les Grezeaux* is crunchy, long-lived Chinon. Beautiful expression of Chinon. Minerally. Violets in bloom. Aged in neutral Burgundy barrels for about a year prior to bottling. Young, energetic with a promise of beautiful future. Capture its youth and essence in a decanter if you are drinking it now.

LA CROIX BOISSÉE 2015
SPECULATIVE SKU: 139832 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$39.29 Wholesale / \$46.00 per bottle



Distinctive. Classy. Inimitable Chinon. From the tiny 2.5 hectare *La Croix Boissée* vineyard, where the elevation is the highest. This *cru* is on a pure limestone steep slope with shallow clay topsoil. This is the top vineyard for Bernard Baudry. A smoky nose with a crushed mineral aftertaste. A wine to cellar. Or open now and decant to experience its sheer youthful energy. The wine is fermented in open-top wooden

vats and aged in neutral barrels for 18 months. Then, the bottles see additional cellaring prior to release. 100% Cabernet Franc. Our allocation is tiny.

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