

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

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*With Thierry Puzelat of Le Clos du Tue-Boeuf*

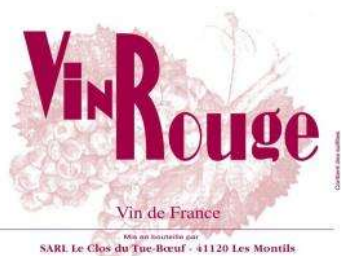
It appears wine, as in life, changes. About eight years ago, I start noticing significant changes at *Le Clos du Tue-Boeuf*. During one of my visits to the domain, Thierry Puzelat told me that he has ripped out the Pinot Noir vines on the top portion of *La Gravotte* vineyard and regrafted with the white varietals of *Fié Gris* and Chardonnay. *Fié Gris* is a local varietal that was common up to half of the last century but just about entirely ripped out because it is difficult to cultivate. Thierry thought the soil on top portion of *La Gravotte* parcel, which is strewn with limestone, is better suited for whites. Thierry was right. *La Gravotte Blanc* is so lovely and *La Gravotte Rouge*, which was always good, is now at another level of quality.

Then, came the changes at the *Frileuse* vineyard. Some parcels were regrafted with *Romorantin* vines, while the missing vines in the vineyard have been replanted using the *selection massale* method. Like the *Fié Gris*, *Romorantin* is an indigenous white varietal in the Loire. Both varietals have been much abandoned over the years due to their low-yielding nature. Both varietals also ripen late, which is becoming important due to the climate changes. So, now we receive the two bottlings from *Frileuse*. *Frileuse* has become increasingly delicious and complex, partially due to the replantation. *Romorantin Frileuse* has that illusive mineral tension that I associated with great white wines of France.

The changes kept on going. Thierry now works with a local sheep farmer, where a herd of sheep is free to roam among the vineyards during the winter months. The sheep naturally fertilizes the vineyards. Last but not certainly least, Thierry's daughter Zoé has joined the domain. This has definitely re-energized Thierry and the domain.

**VIN ROUGE 2024**

**SKU: 657619 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$27.30 Wholesale / \$36.00 Retail per bottle**



This light and fragrant vintage is a delicious blend of Gamay (50%), Côt (30%), with a dash of Pineau D'Aunis (20%) for that little peppery taste. A *bistro vin!* A *bon vivant* wine. 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 2025**

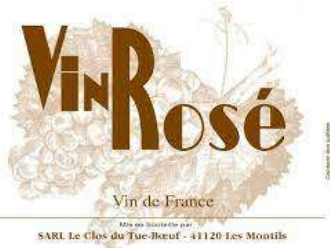
**SKU: 12094 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$27.30 Wholesale / \$36.00 Retail per bottle**



Zingy! A hint of lemon and pineapple with mouth-watering acidity. This vintage is a blend of 95% Sauvignon Blanc and 5% Chardonnay. The little portion of Chardonnay adds *gras* and '*je ne sais quoi*'. The vines are 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.

## VIN ROSÉ 2025

**SKU: 756940 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$27.30 Wholesale / \$36.00 Retail per bottle**



A delicious blend of Gamay (70%) and Côt (30%) in this vintage. The two varietals have a long history in the Loire. A hint of strawberry with some spice notes from Côt really makes this rosé sing. The cépages 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 garden and watch the world go by.

## LA BUTTE 2023

**SKU: 61028 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$33.10 Wholesale / \$42.00 Retail per bottle**



It has been a few years since we received this cuvée. 100% Gamay, whose vines are 50-70 years old. The old vines explain the depth and complexity of this Loire Gamay. One of my favourite Gamays. *La Butte* means a little hill. There is a little stream that divides the appellation of *Cheverny* and *Touraine*. The vineyard for this wine comes from the Touraine side and a stone's throw from *Cheverny*. Hand-picked grapes are fermented whole clusters in large open top wooden vat. Then transferred to neutral barrels for about six months to calm down. Totally gulp-able. One of the delicious expressions of Gamay grown in the Loire.

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

## LA PETITE GUERRE 2024

**SKU: 692333 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$33.07 Wholesale / \$42.00 Retail per bottle**



This is a blend of 90% Cot and 10% Gamay. When the harvest time came, this parcel received a lot of rain. This parcel would normally make *La Guerrerie* (see below). After sorting and throwing away much of the harvest from this parcel, Thierry and his team saved what they could. I don't think the team knew if there was going to be any wine from this parcel in 2024. When the fermentation was completed and the blend was made, the wine was light (11% alcohol), full of perfume and charm - my kind of wine. Perhaps, an appropriate name for this cuvée given the world we live in at the

moment.

## LA GUERRERIE 2022

**SKU: 609677 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$34.71 Wholesale / \$45.00 Retail per bottle per bottle**

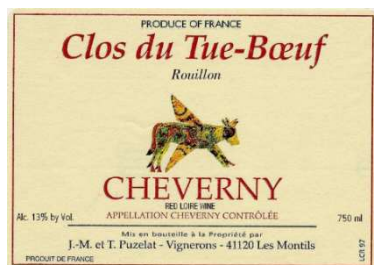


Cashmere texture with seductive nose. Feels luxurious in the mouth. Densely packed with fruit that has a hint of blackberries/blueberries. For this vintage, *La Guerrierie* is a blend of 90% Côt (aka Malbec) and 10% Gamay. Power and seriousness of Côt is tempered with the playfulness of Gamay. Côt has 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 in neutral Burgundy barrels (225 Litre) and demi-muids (500 Litre) prior to bottling. Côt has been planted for centuries in *Touraine*.

## CHEVERNY 'ROUILLON' 2023

**SKU: 67009 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$33.02 Wholesale / \$43.00 Retail per bottle**



A new vintage. Vivrant. One of the prettiest and liveliest *Cheverny* from Thierry Puzelat. 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. *Rouillon* means 'rusty' in French and is due to the reddish colour soil of the vineyard.

## QVEVRI 2022

**SKU: 163986 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$42.47 Wholesale / \$55.00 Retail per bottle**



In the country of Georgia, QVEVRI means amphora. 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. Destemmed 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**



Thierry Puzelat made this Cabernet Franc for the first time and it is lovely. Pretty and savoury. Inimitable taste of Cabernet Franc grown in the Loire. 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 2024**

**SKU: 558148 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$35.84 Wholesale / \$46.00 Retail per bottle**



Pretty. Elegant. A hint of raspberries and flowers with white pepper - that is a hallmark of Pineau D'Aunis. *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.

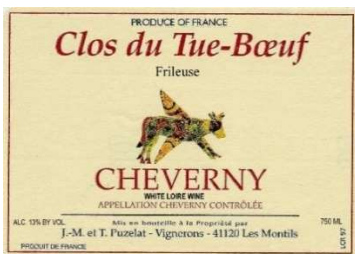
**PINEAU D'AUNIS 2023 (MAGNUMS)**

**SKU 297885 SPECULATIVE 1.5 Litre 6 bottles/case**  
**\$76.76 Wholesale / \$100.00 Retail per bottle**

The warehouse informed me that they lost the last case of this MAGNUM and could not fill the customer order. So, the order was cancelled. Then, a few weeks later the warehouse advised that they found the wine. So, here is a beautiful last case of the 2023 MAGNUMS of Pineau D'Aunis.

**CHEVERNY 'FRILEUSE' 2024**

**SKU: 491894 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$34.81 Wholesale / \$45.00 Retail per bottle**



Crunchy. Vibrant. Fresh. A hint exotic taste with a mineral-infused finish that is so compelling. This white is an unusual and delicious equal 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.

**CHEVERNY 'FRILEUSE' ROMORANTIN 2024**  
**SKU: 294576 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$42.84 Wholesale / \$56.00 Retail per bottle**

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' 2024**  
**SKU: 164010 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$32.10 Wholesale / \$42.00 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 2023**  
**SKU: 279866 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$42.32 Wholesale / \$55.00 Retail per bottle**

*Le Brin de Chèvre*



This is the second shipment of this vintage. Graceful. Minerally. 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 2023**  
**SKU: 333551 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$36.67 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**

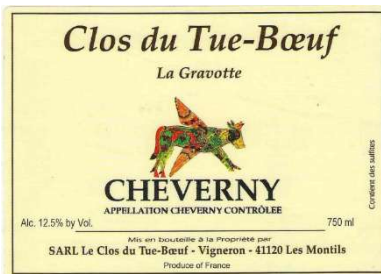


Elegant. Floral. Pretty. A hint of raspberries in this vintage. Elegance and depth from the Pinot Noir. A tiny amount of Pinot Gris grown on *La Caillère* vineyard is blended into this cuvée, which gives elegant texture. Thierry tells me blending of Pinot Gris with Pinot Noir used to more common in Burgundy. *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.

### CHEVERNY 'LA GRAVOTTE' 2023

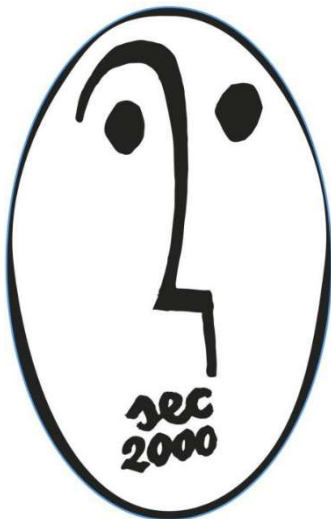
**SKU: 256842 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$39.82 Wholesale / \$52.00 Retail per bottle per bottle**



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 gravelly one'. *Élevage* is about ten months in neutral demi-muids (500 Litre barrels).

### VERMOUTH SEC (DRY)

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



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 (coming in August)*