



CHÂTEAU des BACHELARDS

LE CLOS DES BACHELARDS 2020 • CUVÉE MONOPOLE

Surrounded by walls for almost a thousand years, Le Clos des Bachelards (1ha 80 ares) produces an exceptional wine. The other parcels adjoining it do not produce the same grapes. The terroir is pink granite and decomposed feldspar, with marl and blue clays that give it its uniqueness, found nowhere else in the region.

All this is enhanced by certified organic and biodynamic viticulture that preserves its incomparable naturalness.

APPELLATION: AOP Fleurie

DEGRES: 13.5 %

BLEND: Gamay

VITICULTURE:



Organic certified FR-BIO-15 and biodynamic certified by Demeter and Biodyvin. High density (10,000 vines/hectare), very old Gamay vines under massal selection. Agroforestry and plant cover in the vineyards for biotope balance and biodiversity. Hand-picked fruit at optimum maturity in 16kg boxes only. Very low yields of around 30 hl/ha.

VINIFICATION AND AGING:

Reception of grape harvest by gravity, destemming, vinification in raw concrete vats, 28-day vatting time, 22-month ageing in casks and oak barrels in order to preserve its freshness and to consolidate its substance. Indigenous yeasts only, no carbonic or semi-carbonic maceration, no thermovinification.

TASTING:

The robe displays a deep, dark garnet hue, promising a wine of great intensity.

The nose is distinctive and captivating, opening with pronounced floral aromas led by peony. It reveals remarkable aromatic complexity, interwoven with delicate spicy notes and a subtlety that unfolds beautifully with aeration.

On the palate, the attack is broad, silky, and generous. The mid-palate impresses with its velvety texture, remarkable concentration, and the extreme finesse of its tannins. The long, elegant finish confirms the unique personality of this wine.

Already captivating in its youth thanks to its exceptional density, this wine is built for long aging, with the potential to evolve gracefully over 40 years.

PAIRINGS:

The Clos 2020 will go well with organic lentil ragout with foie gras, sweetbreads with cream sauce, poached Bresse poularde or wood-grilled entrecôte.

Stuart Pigott pour James Suckling : 98/100

"A giant of elegance, energy and finesse, this single-vineyard Fleurie is one of the wines of the vintage in Beaujolais. Staggering concentration on the tightly-packed medium- to full-bodied palate, which is extraordinarily cool and precise for the very warm vintage. The aromas are just beginning to open up, but there are already notes of red roses, pomegranates and cloves. Then the wet stone minerality rolls over you in one great wave at the awe-inspiring finish."

BEST TOP 100 FRENCH WINES LIST (JamesSuckling.com) : Le Clos des Bachelards 2020 is featured in James Suckling's Top 100 French Wines. It is the only Fleurie wine to appear on the list.

