



MIS EN BOUTEILLE AU DOMAINE

JEAN-CLAUDE BACHELET ET FILS

PROPRIÉTAIRES-RÉCOLTANTS À SAINT-AUBIN - CÔTE-D'OR - FRANCE

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET LES AUBUES



One of my favorite domaines in the Côte de Beaune is Domaine Jean-Claude Bachelet, where brothers Jean-Claude and Benoît have been taking the wines to new heights in recent years. Serious viticulture, carefully chosen harvest dates, long press cycles and extended élevage in wood on the lees, followed by bottling under high-quality natural cork, are the order of the day; and maturing vineyards, more refined cooperage choices, and a spacious new winery in the hamlet of Gamay are surely just a few of the small details that together account for the qualitative progress that's been made over the last decade. In 2019, the brothers waited to achieve full maturity, resulting in above-average alcohol levels and wines that are powerful and concentrated but impressively vibrant; the best, though imperfect, analogy might be a racier version of the domaine's 2015s. Bottled in August 2021, they've come together beautifully. These are serious, layered wines that are built for the cellar, and they all come warmly recommended.

- William Kelley, Wine Advocate, January 2022

CURRENT VINTAGE: 2019

VARIETAL: Chardonnay

COUNTRY: France

APPELLATION: Burgundy, Saint-Aubin 1er Cru

SOIL: Shallow clay-limestone soil

AGING: Aged for 18 months in French oak barrels on fine lees

"A communal-level bottling that invariably punches above its weight, the 2019 Puligny-Montrachet Les Aubues unfurls in the glass with aromas of crisp white peach, pear, nutmeg, freshly baked bread and Meyer lemon. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and incisive, with an ample core of fruit, bright acids and a long, saline finish, it's a serious, structured wine that will reward bottle age, even if its mid-palate plentitude means that it will also be approachable young."

- 92 pts, Wine Advocate

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