

JEAN-CLAUDE BACHELET ET FILS

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

SAINT-AUBIN 1ER CRU DERRIERE LA TOUR ROUGE



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: Fermented with native yeasts in stainless steel. 10% new oak. Aged 2 years in barrel.

TASTING NOTES: Shedding a touch of youthful reduction to reveal aromas of plums, warm spices, rose petals and forest floor, the 2019 Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Derrière La Tour is medium to full-bodied, concentrated and lively, its deep core of fruit framed by powdery tannins. - **90 pts, Wine Advocate**

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