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

SAINT-AUBIN 1ER CRU DERRIERE LA TOUR ROUGE



As I've written before, one of my favorite estates 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. 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. They harvested late in 2021, daring to retain plenty of lees, and matured the wines for the usual 24 months in barrel, delivering a lovely range that evokes the white Burgundies of yesteryear, made for patient wine lovers with cold cellars..

- William Kelley, Wine Advocate, January 2024

CURRENT VINTAGE: 2021

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: Supple and charming, the 2021 Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Derrière La Tour bursts with notes of red berries, orange zest and spices, followed by a medium-bodied, supple palate with a plummy core of fruit and melting tannins. I suspect that this will be at its best in the comparatively near term. - **90 pts, Wine Advocate**

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