
DOMAINE BERNARD BAUDRY
(Chinon, Loire)

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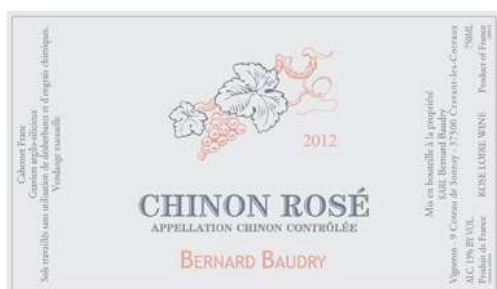
With Matthieu Baudry in the village of Cravant-les-Côteaux in the outskirts of Chinon.

It seems, wine as in life, it is more difficult to unlearn than to learn. In recent years, Matthieu Baudry has significantly changed the fermentation and *élevage*, which explains his uptick in quality of his wines. The farming always has been organic from the beginning and has not changed much at the Domaine Bernard Baudry. However, since 2017, the maceration is based on a taste rather than a textbook. The maceration used to last textbook three weeks every vintage. But now, each cuvée sees various maceration period with the vintages and it is shorter than it used to be. For example, Les Granges saw only a week of maceration in 2018. Now, Matthieu tastes regularly with his dad Bernard Baudry. If the vat tastes to their satisfaction, the vats are drawn off, the grape skins are taken off, and the maceration ends. The *élevage*, on the other hand, is longer than it used to be. To accommodate the longer *élevage*, Matthieu has drilled additional 20 meters into his icy chalk cellar to provide additional cellar space.

Matthieu Baudry is now making the wines following his intuition, his personal taste and experiences, not following prescribed textbooks. This sounds easy but only a few *vignerons* have the courage to change what they were drilled in wine schools. Often, it is more difficult to unlearn than to learn. The resulting Bernard Baudry wines are now more supple and elegant with the terroir clearly etched on each cuvée.

CHINON ROSÉ 2023

SKU: 508762 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$27.24 Wholesale / \$32.00 Retail per bottle



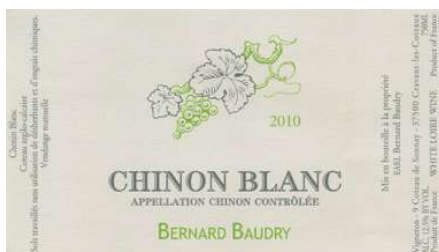
Well. It took awhile but this Chinon Rosé is finally here. Light pinkish hue. Dry. Crisp. Gently minerally with slight fruit-pit bitterness that keeps complex going. Youthful. This rosé took its time to finish its maloatic fermentation. Matthieu Baudry does not force his wines to complete their fermentation. Matthieu does not heat his cellar or add commercial yeasts to complete fermentation. So, I receive this rosé when it is ready and not when the market is ready.

100% Cabernet Franc.

(The labels are not be current vintages and are shown for illustration purposes only)

CHINON BLANC 2023

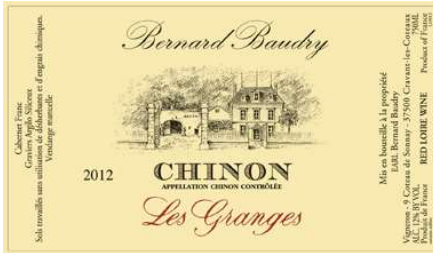
SPECULATIVE SKU: 669895 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$33.86 Wholesale / \$44.00 Retail per bottle



100% Chenin Blanc from *Chinon*. Pure. Energetic. Minerally. Yet another delicious Chenin Blanc from Matthieu Baudry. For the 2023 vintage, once again the Chenin Blanc grapes from his top portion of *La Croix Boissée* vineyard is blended into this cuvée. The single vineyard Chenin Blanc from *La Croix Boissée* was not produced and blended into this cuvée. The added complexity from the added *La Croix Boissée* vineyard is undeniable.

CHINON 'LES GRANGES' 2022

SKU: 891143 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$25.60 Wholesale / \$33.00 Retail per bottle

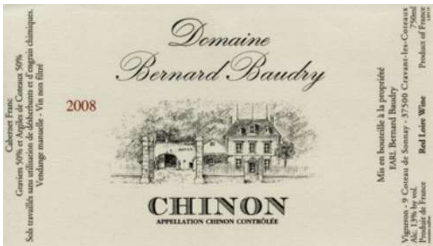


A hint of violets – a hallmark of all great *Chinons*. Crunchy. A mineral taste that adds complexity to this *Chinon*. Beautiful. An inimitable taste of Cabernet Franc grown in the Loire in the hands of a great *vigeron*. *Les Granges* vineyard is very close to the *Vienne* River, where there is presence of sand. The sand gives this wine an easy-going, floral, and friendly *Chinon* with soft tannins. With the vines now reaching close to 40 years, *Les*

Granges has been gaining complexity in recent years. It is hard to believe this is the domain “base” wine. Even better slightly chilled. 100% Cabernet Franc. A “go-to” *Chinon* in our home.

CHINON 'LE DOMAINE' 2021

SKU: 615047 SPECULATIVE 750m 12 bottles/case
\$27.52 Wholesale / \$36.00 Retail per bottle



Crunchy. Fresh. Splendid. Delicious. Minerally from the vines rooted in limestone. Bottled two springs after the vintage. Matthieu tells me he does not like to rush this wine, despite its modest price. Matthieu ensures this cuvée spends nearly two years in large wooden vats. Matthieu spends much energy in producing this cuvée as it defines the domain and hence the name. This wine is a blend of various parcels. About 75% comes from the majestic parcel of *Saint-Louans*, where the site is

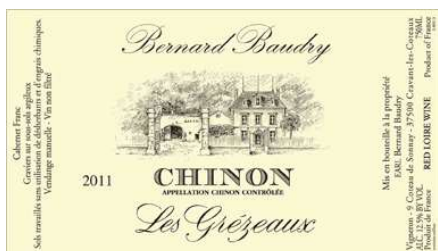
comprised of limestone with very thin clay on top. The *lieu-dit* of *Saint-Louans* is special, known for lasting power and elegance. The remaining 25% comes from the gravel soil, where it gives suppleness. Beautiful.

CHINON 'LE DOMAINE' 2021 (MAGNUMS)

SKU: 48825 SPECULATIVE 1.5 Litre 6 bottles/case
\$58.56 Wholesale / \$77.00 Retail per bottle

We were able to secure the magnums before the inflation craze in shipping and warehousing, plus sinking Canadian dollar against Euros. It is very likely that these magnums will not see this price again. Cellar a few bottles for a special occasion. This cuvée ages beautifully.

CHINON 'LES GRÉZEAUX' 2021
SPECULATIVE SKU: 544338 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$32.91 Wholesale / \$43.00 Retail per bottle

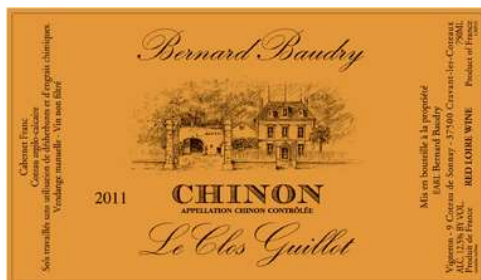


Singular. Composed. Complex. A hint of violets greets your nose. One of the most miraculous and delicious vintages of Chinon *Les Grézeaux* in 2021. While many vigneronns suffered frosts in 2021, Matthieu Baudry wrote to say all of his parcels, except for *La Croix Boissée*, escaped frosts. That is miraculous. Mineral, stoney taste adds compelling complexity. From the 80-year-old vines grown on gravelly soil with sand and limestone base, which gives this wine distinctive flinty and smoky nose. The vineyard looks like a parcel from a stoney Châteauneuf-du-Pape. I swear I can taste those stones when I drink *Les Grézeaux*. Chinon with great crunchy fresh texture while keeping finesse that so speaks French. I am not aware of many parcels in Chinon that are covered with large round stones. A distinctive Chinon.

CHINON 'LES GRÉZEAUX' 2020 (MAGNUMS)
SKU: 48830 SPECULATIVE 1.5 Litre 6 bottles/case
\$68.43 Wholesale / \$89.00 per bottle

As mentioned, we are able to secure *Les Grézeaux* in magnums before the high inflation in shipping and unfavourable Euro exchange rates So, it is unlikely that we will see these prices again for all three different cuvees of MAGNUMS. If you already tasted the great 2020 vintage of *Les Grézeaux* in 750 ml bottles, you are in for a treat.

CHINON 'LE CLOS GUILLOT' 2022
SPECULATIVE SKU: 515452 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$43.40 Wholesale / \$57.00 Retail per bottle



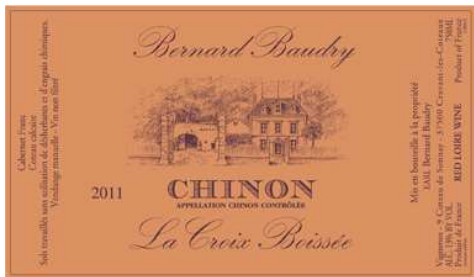
Matthieu Baudry wrote: “The red wines are quite concentrated and display deep and intense colours. Due to its generous fruit and its juicy character, this vintage is outstanding. The 2022s will keep for years, particularly those from limestone soils. 2022 belongs to the truly great vintages, alongside 2010, 2018 and 2020.” We already had a preview of the great 2022 vintage from *Les Granges*. For *Le Clos Guillot*, the texture and tannins are so fine with flowing elegance. From the Cabernet Franc

vines grown on yellow limestone. In Chinon, there are only a few *lieux-dits* that have this yellow limestone. Matthieu Baudry tells me it is this unique yellow limestone gives this Chinon elegance and fine tannins. Fermented in the traditional *triconic* wooden vats and aged in neutral barrels for about sixteen months, followed by another year in bottles in the icy limestone cellar. 100% Cabernet Franc.

CHINON 'LE CLOS GUILLOT' 2020 (MAGNUMS)
SPECULATIVE SKU: 48833 1.5 Litre 6 bottles/case
\$82.24 Wholesale / \$107.00 Retail per bottle

Once again, we are able to secure *Le Clos Guillot 2020* in magnums before the high inflation in shipping and unfavourable Euro exchange rates. So, it is unlikely that we will see these prices again. As you can read from the above, Matthieu Baudry believes the 2010, 2018, 2020 and 2022 are finest vintages.

CHINON 'LA CROIX BOISSÉE' 2020
SPECULATIVE SKU: 139832 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$ 49.44 Wholesale / \$65.00 Retail per bottle



A tiny *lieu-dit* of *La Croix Broisée*, where it is completely covered in chalk with very little top soil. The vineyard is steep and exposure is south. This *Chinon* is in a mineral haze with finest tannins that coat back and sides of mouth, leaving freshness and lingering aftertaste. When tasting this cuvée with the others, it is obvious why *La Croix Broisée* is one of the top vineyards in all of *Chinon*. Matthieu Baudry tells me the appellation is working towards giving *La Croix Broisée* a

“*cru*” status.

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