



CHEVALERIE BOURGUEIL DIPTYQUE

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VINEYARD

- Site:** On the upper end of the broad fan of Bourgueil's long terrace that gently slopes to the Loire. *Diptyque* is Greek for two parts linked together; here it means a cuvée made with sun and soil.
- Soil:** Gravelly, sandy, and clay-sandy soils.
- Vines:** From several parcels of vines farmed biodynamically (certified in 2012).
- Varieties:** Cabernet Franc.

CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** The élevage is a short 4-6 months in concrete vats with a small proportion done in older 400 or 500L barrels. Light maceration. Bottled without fining or filtration.
- Production:** 1,600 cases.
- Profile:** A *vin de soif*—an easy, deliciously quaffable wine, one that is immensely expressive of the central Loire Valley. Serve with a slight chill.



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VINEYARD

- Site:** On the upper end of a broad fan of a sloping terrace, far inland from the Loire where the soils are deeper and denser.
- Soil:** Two feet of clay overlying limestone.
- Vines:** From a 20-acre parcel initially planted in 1893 next to the house. Old vines averaging 55+ years old and farmed biodynamically (certified in 2012).
- Varieties:** Cabernet Franc.

CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** Grapes are harvested by hand, sorted twice and destemmed but not crushed. The grapes go into vat whole to be fermented with indigenous yeasts. Aged in older 400 or 500L barrels for eight months to keep the focus on the fruit. Bottled without fining or filtration.
- Production:** Recent years of frost have kept production down to around 250 cases.
- Profile:** A mouth-filling Bourgueil. Spicy and fruity with velvety tannins, and surprisingly age-worthy.



CHEVALERIE BOURGUEIL GALICHETS

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VINEYARD

- Site:** Adjacent to the domaine on the upper end of Bourgueil's broad fan of a sloping terrace, far inland from the Loire where the soils are deeper and denser.
- Soil:** Stony, sandy clay going down about three feet to limestone.
- Vines:** From a 25-acre vineyard farmed biodynamically (certified in 2012). The oldest vines date from 1934, and the average age is 40+ years.
- Varieties:** Cabernet Franc.

CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** Made with indigenous yeasts and raised for 8 months in neutral 400L and 500L barrels. Bottled without fining or filtration.
- Production:** 1,500 cases.
- Profile:** Deliciously meaty, dense, and surprisingly age-worthy. Spicy and fruity, underpinned by a delectable dark sappiness.



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VINEYARD

Site: *Bretèche* is an old word referring to entrances and exits, and this particular vineyard is on the edge of the Restigné commune where a road comes in.

Soil: Young limestone and a little clay.

Vines: From just over 13 acres planted between 1988 and 1992 and farmed biodynamically (certified in 2012). Grapes are harvested by hand into small crates, sorted twice, and destemmed but not crushed.

Varieties: Cabernet Franc.

CELLAR

Vinification & Aging: Grapes go into vat whole to be fermented with indigenous yeast before aging in vat or in older 400L or 500L barrels for roughly 8 months. Bottled without fining or filtration.

Production: 1,250 cases.

Profile: Long and linear with stony aromatics, lift and focus given by the limestone.



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VINEYARD

Site: The Busardières vineyard is just above the winery fairly high on the slope in Bourgueil.

Soil: A thin layer of topsoil less than 12 inches deep overlying hard clay, which in turn overlies solid limestone.

Vines: From a 7.4 -acre block: half of the vineyard was first planted in 1880, half in 1922, and subsequent replantings have been vine by vine, replacing vines as needed. Average age is now 70 years old.

Varieties: Cabernet Franc.

CELLAR

Vinification & Aging: A short élevage of eight to ten months in neutral 400 or 500L barrels to focus on fresh fruit.

Production: 400 cases in a normal year.

Profile: Stony, lean, and a bit austere in its youth with notable length and finesse coming out in time. Built to age with masterful balance.