

Domaine Pfister

Bas-Rhin



Rouge Toujours 2019

Mélanie Pfister has decided to bottle her pinot noir as Vin de France beginning in this vintage, simply to give her the flexibility to do things such as bottle it in a Burgundy-shaped bottle, rather than the taller Alsace bottle that would be required if it were an AOC pinot noir from Alsace. The vines for this bottling were planted in 1980, so they are now fully into their prime, and the wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts and raised in stainless steel tank. The 2019 version is a svelte 12.5 percent octane and is a tad reductive when first opened, but with a bit of aeration delivers a youthful bouquet of cherries, red berries, stony soil tones, bonfire, a bit of gamebird and a floral topnote redolent of lavender. On the palate the wine is bright, medium- full and tangy, with lovely soil signature, modest tannins and a long, tangy and very nicely balanced young finish. This really shows some fine backend lift, and given some bottle age, it is going to be lovely. 2027-2050.

89+ pts– John Gilman, View from the Cellar, July-August 2021

The following has also reviewed this wine:

92 pts– Wine & Spirits, Summer 2023