

Domaine de la Chevalerie Bourgueil



Bourgueil “Bretèche” 2017

The single vineyard bottling Bourgueil “Bretèche” from Domaine de la Chevalerie is made from some of the younger vines that the domaine owns, as these were planted between 1988 and 1992. That said, they have now reached a bon age as French vigneron would say and this is self-evident in this lovely 2017 Bourgueil. The wine is nicely ripe in this vintage, tipping the scales at 13.5 percent octane and offering up an already very suave bouquet of sweet dark berries, espresso, a complex base of dark soil tones, cigar smoke, a nice touch of grilled meats, juniper berries and just a whisper of oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a 59 superb core of fruit, marvelous soil signature and grip, ripe, buried tannins and a very long, pure and impeccably balanced finish. This is still a young wine and deserves further hibernation time to properly soften up the underlying tannins here, but it is not all that far away from primetime drinking! 2030-2070.

93+ pts– John Gilman, View from the Cellar, July-August 2025

Bourgueil “Bretèche” 2015

The 2015 Bretèche offers layers of aromatic intrigue from smoked meat, florals to herbal notes. Low yields are reflected in the density of fruit. It is a broody, sapid and structured Bourgueil hailing from clay-limestone slopes and will benefit from further time in bottle thanks to its abundant tannins and acid-derived line of tension. Put it with a hunk of protein, and you could think about getting the corkscrew out, but I would hold off.

92 pts– Rebecca Gibb MW, Vinous Media, November 2021