

# LE CLOS DE LA GAUCHERIE

## BOURGUEIL



THE 2020 VINTAGE WILL BE NOTABLE FOR THE COOPERATION BETWEEN JEAN-FRANÇOIS ROÏT-LEVÊQUE, VINEYARD MANAGER OF CLOS DES QUARTERONS, AND AGNÈS & XAVIER AMIRAULT, IN THE TAKING-OVER OF THE HISTORIC CLOS DE LA GAUCHERIE AND PRODUCING YET ANOTHER BOURGUEIL WINE TOGETHER.



**Grape variety :** Cabernet franc 100%

**Origin and originality :** The Clos de la Gaucherie is **one of the last three historical Clos of the Bourgueil appellation**. The Clos de la Gaucherie is situated between the villages of Restigné and Ingrandes de Touraine, 15kms to the east of La Ferme des Fontaines.

Local archives record that cherries had been planted and that we produced a liqueur, called "*Guignolet*". In addition, grew *Réglisse* (liquorice), used at the time for medicinal purposes and marketed as "Réglisse de Bourgueil". It was very popular in Paris and Flanders.

**Soils :** Following a geological study, we know that the Clos de la Gaucherie mainly sits on **Turonian marly chalk**. However, this limestone does not cover all the parcel as the north-east corner is formed of sand and gravel, the ancient alluvial soils of the Loire. This means adapting our work to the best of our ability, depending on the positioning of the vines in the Clos.

**Vinification:** Our aim is to hand harvest a perfectly healthy grape at optimal ripeness. The bunches are destemmed, and the grapes are sorted a second time before the fermentation, with only natural yeasts and no intrans. They will **remain there for a period of 3 weeks, during which they will infuse gently**, with a **soft pigeage at the foot**.

**Ageing :** The wine rests **in the Vau Renou cellars in our 500-litre barrels, for 14 months**, at an ideal temperature and humidity.

**Food Pairing :** A pan-fried duck breast, cooked slightly pink, in a juice seasoned with a few sweet spices or an oven-roasted rabbit served in its own juice !

**Temperature of tasting :** 15°- 16°C

**Shelf life :** 8 - 10 years

**Musical Pairing :** *An incentive to daydream, a pastoral symphony...*

Serge Gainsbourg - Valse de Melody

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzt7Tit6rBc&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzt7Tit6rBc&feature=emb_title)



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