

Domaine de la Chevalerie Bourgueil



“The whole range of Bourgueil Cabernet Franc is successful with the Caslot family, who have climbed to the top of their appellation in the last 5 years. Converting to biodynamic practices, their vineyards are today among the healthiest worked in Bourgueil. Behind the Rabelaisian good nature of Pierre Caslot lies a formidable winegrower with a real sense of duty and accomplishment, which he has transmitted to his children, Stéphanie and Emmanuel.”

La Revue du Vin’s annual Guide to the Best Wines of France 2012,
ranking Domaine de la Chevalerie number one in Bourgueil

2006 Bourgueil “Chevalerie”

*“I was very impressed by this earlier offering **Dom de la Chevalerie, Chevalerie 2006 Bourgueil**. This is the Caslots’ most serious bottling, made from 70-year-old Cabernet Franc vines grown on south-west-facing slopes of clay and sand over limestone, but it is already a joy to drink with that haunting scent of Cabernet Franc (which reminds me of pencil shavings, oddly enough) and yet masses of fleshy fruit and attractive freshness and structure in the same way that a ripe Tuscan Sangiovese has. This is a wine for food and has a friendly 13% alcohol.”*

Jancis Robinson, www.jancisrobinson.com (October 6, 2009)

2006 Bourgueil “Galichets”

“Bright ruby-red. High-pitched red and dark berries on the nose, with complicating notes of dried rose, peppery spices and minerals. Fresh, focused and linear, offering zesty raspberry and bitter cherry flavors that are nicely concentrated but in no way heavy. The finish is nervy and impressively long, leaving pepper and mineral notes behind.”

90 points– Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar (May/June 2010)

2005 Bourgueil “Chevalerie”

“Vivid ruby. Pungent aromas of red– and blackcurrant, incense, licorice and cured tobacco, with a strong floral quality that builds with aeration. A chewy, intriguingly sweet and youthfully tannic midweight, offering deeply concentrated dark berry flavors and notes of cherry pit and anise pastille. An impressively penetrating, mineral-driven wine that blends sweetness and bitterness. Seems younger than it is, and appears to be balanced to age for at least the next decade.”

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