

Pascal Bellier 2018 Cheverny Rouge

WineWise Code	FPB-CRG18
Country	France
Region	Loire
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	13
Acidity	2.9
Residual Sugar	0
Closure	Synthetic Cork
Annual cases produced	10,000
Varieties	Pinot Noir 80%, Gamay 20%
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel 100%
Fermentation duration	15 days
Aging method	Stainless Steel 100%
Aging duration (months)	6
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	Gelatine
Yeast	Cultured
Lees Contact or Stirring	6 months
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes, 80ppm
Soil Type(s)	Alluvial, Calcareous
Vineyard Aspect	Northwest
Vine age (years)	20
Vine Yields hl/ha	60
Farming practices	Sustainable
Vine Training Notes	Taille Guyot
Grape Picking	Machine

Notes from the producer:

This family domaine situated on the banks of the Loire between the Châteaux de Chambord and Cheverny is ideally placed on the limestone banks above the river. The Clos surrounded by high walls is the privileged site facing the sunset.

The Bellier family has grown grapes for many generations in Cheverny and Cour-Cheverny. Véronique and Pascal are the current owners.



WineWise Notes:

The sheer prettiness of the Pinot fruit is reason alone to want this, but here is one of those wines whose whole is greater than the sum of its parts. It is an animated, proportionate and thought-provoking wine that also happens to be awfully easy to drink. Perfection of its understated kind. When a sun-kissed vintage like 2018 meets the inherent tension of this terroir, you really do get a Platonic ideal of the intellectual and the hedonistic.

Pierre Plouzeau was a visionary man who, in his all-too-short life, created a négociant business like no other while running his own two domaines. Pascal Bellier makes an array of splendidly clear and authentic wines in this little-known corner of the Loire, just south of Blois. Typical of the young generation taking over in the region, he is an adherent of Terra Vitis, a group of practical but forward-thinking growers practising “La Lutte Intégrée”, an essentially organic, but undogmatic, approach to viticulture.

