

## Bertrand Galbrun Amicale Cabernet Franc Bourgueil Loire Valley France 2021

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### Final Deductions

**VINTAGE** 2021

**GRAPE** Cabernet Franc/Blend

**GEOGRAPHY** Europe

**COUNTRY** France

**LARGER REGION** Loire Valley

**SMALLER REGION** Touraine

**SUB REGION** Chinon/Bourgueil/  
Saint-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil

### Rationale

While many may be aware and hip to the joys of France's Loire Valley region of Chinon, they may not be as familiar with its next-door neighbor, across the river, Bourgueil. One of the quintessential Cabernet Franc spots of the esteemed Loire, Bourgueil sits roughly midway between the towns of Tours and Angers.

The area produces mostly red wines (one of only very few Loire appellations to do so) and a small quantity of rosé, both characterized by their crisp, refreshing acidity and prominent spiced fruit flavors. Tasting notes for Bourgueil reds often cite raspberries and pencil shavings, bay leaves, and forest floor.

In line with the quintessentially French notion of terroir, Bourgueil reds strongly reflect the soil in which the vines are grown. The area around both Chinon and Bourgueil is blessed with two soil types, both of which are well suited to producing quality Cabernet Franc wines. The gravelly alluvial soils close to the banks of the Loire generate lighter, fresher styles with aromas of red berries and licorice. Those rich in the local 'tuffeau jaune' chalk type produce richer, spicier wines with 'animal' aromas such as leather and fur.

Back when he was looking for the right plot of land for his winery, Galbrun began to work with his friend, winemaker Sebastian David, in Bourgueil four days a week. Inspired by the uniqueness of the terroir, he founded his eponymous domain in the area in 2005, and he now farms 3.5 hectares of 100% biodynamic grapes.

### Sight

**BRIGHTNESS** Day Bright

**CLARITY** Clear

**COLOR DEPTH** Medium

**COLOR** Ruby

**RIM VARIATION** Ruby  
*Stained Tears: Low*

### Structure

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** Dry

**ACID** Med+

**ALCOHOL** Medium

**TANNIN** Medium

**TEXTURE** Lean / Tart

**FINISH** Long

**COMPLEXITY** High

### Aroma & Taste

**RED FRUIT** Red Plum • Red Raspberry • Red / Sour Cherry *Condition: Fresh*

**BLACK FRUIT** Black Raspberry • Black Cherry • Blackberry *Condition: Fresh*

**FLORAL** Lavender • Hibiscus *Condition: Fresh*

**GREEN VEGETABLE** Caper • Green Peppers • Dark Leafy Greens • Jalapeño

**OTHER VEGETABLE** Rhubarb • Beet / Beet Root • Mushrooms (Brown) • Tomato Leaf

**HERBAL** Laurel / Bay Leaf • Basil • Tobacco Leaf • Chicory

**OTHER SPICES** Licorice (Red) • Green Peppercorn • Sassafras

**ORGANIC EARTH** Turned Dirt / Potting Soil • Forest Floor

**INORGANIC EARTH** Chalk / Limestone • Mineral / Rock

**OAK AGING** No