

« In July, morning rain suits wine. »

French saying

News



Hailstones at Château Hourbanon

Weather: While flowering went quite well, the weather turned at the end of June and hail storms appeared.

So far, the regions specifically hit are northern Médoc, Cognac, Minervois, south of Côte de Beaune (for the third year in a row) and Jurançon. Apart from these areas, the vines look very beautiful and let us hope for great harvests, quite precocious.

A new domain has joined us !

Welcome to Gilles Flacher, vigneron in Saint-Joseph and Condrieu. Gilles entered Vignerons & Patrimoine 1st of July. We are delighted to welcome him and are confident his wines will find a good place in our range.

More info on the Zoom section...



A joyful meeting at Château du Donjon

Thank you very much to Caroline and Jean Panis who welcome us all in their cellar for two days for our annual meeting. We look forward to the next meeting !

Zoom on Domaine Gilles Flacher

The estate

The Flacher family has been making wine in Charnas since 1806. Gilles is now managing an estate of 8 Ha, mainly on Saint-Joseph AOC.

For about ten years, Gilles has been modernizing the domain. He rebuilt the range, changed the labels and he is now extending his cellar. In terms of winemaking, Gilles is progressively making his wines evolved toward higher and higher levels of concentration and finesse, through both vineyard and cellar works.



Domain vineyard

Selection of the domain



Saint Joseph « Les Reines »: The main cuvee of the range emphasizes the fruity and spicy notes of the Syrah. The mouth is full bodied and fresh, with discreet vanilla notes coming from the ageing (12 months of barrel ageing).

Bronze medal Decanter World Wine Awards 2014

Saint Joseph « Terra Louis »: This low yield cuvee (rarely above 35 HL/Ha) offers an impressive concentration. When young the wine is smooth and velvety on ripe fruit aromas and oaky notes (14 months of barrel ageing, 100% new oak). It develops a great complexity after a few years of bottle ageing.

Silver International Wine Challenge 2014

90/100 Gilbert & Gaillard

Condrieu Les Rouelles: Gilles' Condrieu is a perfect illustration of what balance means when we talk about Viognier: The wine is powerful and full bodied but the acidity keeps it fresh and elegant.

Gold medal International Wine Challenge 2014



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Gilles Flacher

Vigneron's quote

« I love my land. I can talk about it for hours. But it is so important, the wine comes from the ground ! When one walks with me through our extreme slopes, he understands this love... Come to visit them with me... if you don't feel dizzy ! »

Good to know

Gilles has just started a study to better understand his different terroirs. To do so, he is accompanied by Georges Truc, geologist at Lyon University. The idea is to analyze precisely the subsoil of his terroirs to better explain the differences between the plots.



Gilles Flacher granitic ground

Cuvee of the Month : Favorite from Château Frédignac



Château Frédignac barrel cellar

With vintage 2012, Vincent L'Amouller is launching a new cuvee: *La Favorite*. This bottle is named after the boat Jean-Marie L'Amouller, a seaman from Brittany, was embarked on when he arrived in Blaye in 1919. Seduced by the beauty of the place... and by a young local lady, he decided to settle down in Frédignac where he bought a land and planted vines on it. *La Favorite* is a tribute from Vincent to his ancestor. To create it he uses the oldest vines of the domain.

Technical information

Appellation :AOC Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

Domain :Château Frédignac

Grape varieties : 75% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc

Terroir: Limestone and clay

Vinification and ageing: Traditional temperature controlled fermentation. 3 weeks vatting with daily pumping over followed by a barrel ageing of 12 months (30% of new barrels).



Vincent L'Amouller

Vincent tasting

Color: Dense red-ruby

Nose: Powerful on black fruit aromas and a toasted touch

Palate: The attack is round. A racy wine, supple and velvety offering a superb balance between finesse and power.



Come to meet us

If you plan to travel to France this summer, feel free to be in touch with the vigneron of the group to visit them on their domains. You will easily find their addresses and contact details on our website: <http://www.vigneronsetpatrimoine.com/les-vignerons/>.