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Bregeon's vines © Gail Skoff

2019 MUSCADET SÈVRE ET MAINE CLISSON “LA MOLETTE” DOMAINE MICHEL BRÉGEON \$45

Fred Lailler © Gail Skoff



Our collaboration with this historic domaine, founded by Michel Brégeon and run today by Fred Lailler, dates back to 1979, making it one of the longest-running of our portfolio. Though Muscadet (made from the Melon de Bourgogne grape) is commonly known to produce young, fresh wines, Michel broke the mold, keeping some of his wines on the lees for as long as seven years! The wines are aged in subterranean glass-lined *caves* and while they always drink well upon release, they have a proven track record of aging with grace, resulting in unexpected freshness and depth. Tastings at the domaine of vintages spanning twenty years are the stuff of KLWM lore. An older wine from Brégeon has similarities to aged Chablis, gaining in weight while developing an earthy, mineral bouquet of surprising complexity.

Muscadet's surprising complexity and aging potential are especially on display with wines from its ten cru vineyard areas, of which Clisson is among the most highly regarded. Rich and full-bodied compared to most Muscadet, Clisson has saline qualities and wet-stone minerality that summon memories of the seaside and lavish oyster-accompanied apéritifs, while its long finish conjures a comparison to never-ending meals. The wine itself evolves like a good feast. A subtly floral nose and textured mouthfeel seal the deal—this is off-the-charts Muscadet.

*Pairs well with with baked scallops, seafood ramen,
shrimp cocktail, or yellow curries.*

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2021 ALPILLES BLANC “JASPE” DOMAINE HAUVETTE \$50







Not far from Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, a tourist town known for Roman ruins and as the place where Van Gogh painted “The Starry Night,” you’ll find Domaine Hauvette. Nestled among the foothills of the small mountain range called Les Alpilles, the vines are surrounded by a rocky and wild landscape—the clay and limestone soil retains moisture for the arid summer months, the Mistral blows half the year, and *garrigue* is seemingly everywhere. It is here that in the early 1980s Dominique Hauvette, seeking more sunshine, left her job as a lawyer in Savoie, rediscovered her passion for raising horses, and began studying enology. Thirty-some years later and Dominique now has 17 hectares of vines and an international reputation for making benchmark natural wines.

Dominique’s wines are full of character, and her pure Roussanne is one of the most elegant renditions of the grape out there. Jaspe is fermented in concrete eggs and aged briefly in stainless steel, resulting in a bright Mediterranean white brimming with delicate aromas and voluptuous layers of flavor.



Dominique in the cellar © Domaine Hauvette

Pairs well with chickpea salad, roasted artichokes, or garlicky chicken dishes.

					
2019 MUSCADET SÈVRE ET MAINE CLISSON “LA MOLETTE” Domaine Michel Brégeon <i>Loire</i>	Melon de Bourgogne	40-year-old vines Sand, granite	Serve cold 48–52° F Decant optional	Citrus, sea spray, white pepper, smoke Bright, mineral, structured	Drink now through 2030
2021 ALPILLES BLANC “JASPE” Domaine Hauvette <i>Provence</i>	Roussanne	15-year-old vines Clay, limestone	Serve cool 50–54° F Decant optional	Honeysuckle, apricot, peach Waxy, lush, textured, gently bitter	Drink now through 2028

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