

## 2020 BOUCHES-DU-RHÔNE VERMENTINO “BAUME-NOIRE” CLOS SAINTE MAGDELEINE \$48

Believing that Clos Sainte Magdeleine’s proximity to the Mediterranean and limestone soil was perfect for Vermentino, Kermit long tried to convince the Sack family to plant the grape variety and make a white wine from it. Nearly ten years ago, they finally did.

Inspired by Corsican Vermentinu, which is grown on poor soils and limestone escarpments similar to those at Clos Sainte Magdeleine, Jonathan Sack planted a parcel in the *lieu-dit* “Baume-Noire,” a terraced vineyard named for the mysterious natural grottos



Kermit Lynch, François Sack, Jonathan Sack, Anthony Lynch







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Cap Canaille © Clos Sainte Magdeleine

hidden on the Cap Canaille. He vinifies and ages the wine in a sandstone amphora, providing a delicate harmony while conserving the wine’s expression of dry, stony terroir. Its electric energy—with a higher acidity and less creaminess than the domaine’s Cassis *blanc*—gives the Baume-Noire serious zip and zest.

*Pair with shaved fennel salad, green olives, crudités dipped in aioli, or grilled fish.*

					
<b>2019 BOUZERON</b> Domaine De Villaine <i>Burgundy</i>	Aligoté Doré	10- to 90-year-old vines  Clay, limestone, marl	Serve cool 50–54° F  Decant optional	Apple, white flowers, citrus, stone fruit  Bracing, delicate, snappy, chalky, stony	Drink now through 2030
<b>2020 BOUCHES-DU-RHÔNE VERMENTINO “BAUME-NOIRE”</b> Clos Sainte Magdeleine <i>Provence</i>	Vermentino	Vines planted in 2013  Limestone	Serve cold 48–52° F  Decant optional	Anise, fresh herbs, sea mist, lemon zest  Crisp, charming, lively, pure, saline	Drink now through 2026

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The village of Bouzeron © Domaine de Villaine

## 2019 BOUZERON DOMAINE DE VILLAINE \$44

In the 1970s, Aubert de Villaine, then co-director of Domaine de la Romanée Conti, and his American wife, Pamela, settled in the village of Bouzeron. Upon planting his roots in this small village, Aubert made himself a champion of the grape variety that reigns supreme in Bouzeron today—Aligoté Doré. Although this variety was overlooked until 1979 when it first earned the appellation Bourgogne Aligoté de Bouzeron, the INAO finally upgraded the appellation to AOC Bouzeron in 1997, largely due to Aubert's advocacy over the years. Pierre de Benoist, Aubert's nephew, currently directs the domaine, upholding the sense of tradition, excellence, and standards for which it has become so well-known.



Aubert de Villaine & Pierre de Benoist © Domaine de Villaine

Pierre has crafted a masterful and irresistible Aligoté in what is turning out to be a fabulous vintage for white Burgundy. This is a wine with finesse—fine-grained and wonderfully vivacious, with a touch of roundness on the nose and plenty of minerality on the palate. One of Burgundy's greatest Aligotés, it is a fitting tribute to a long and storied history of this beguiling grape in Burgundy, and a wine that provides intrigue and pleasure young, old, and in between.

*Pair with sashimi, jambon persillé, escargots, or razor clams with garlic and parsley.*