



Château Bourgneuf 2021

Pomerol, France

OVERVIEW

Owned by the Vayron family since 1821, this lovely vineyard is situated in the heart of Pomerol's most prestigious terroirs, with Château Trotanoy as its neighbor. Since 2008, the wine is made by the youngest Vayron to join the family venture, Frédérique, the daughter of current owners Xavier and Dominique.

Formed by a gentle, sloping plot, the west-facing vineyard enjoys ideal sun exposure, thanks to which some of its parcels were spared from the great frost of 1956.

Situated in one of the warmest parts of Pomerol, Château Bourgneuf produces wines that are deep and dense, layered and complex, with perfectly rounded tannins. The wine's ripe fruit aromas make it seductive when young, but a few years of cellaring are strongly rewarded.

Château Bourgneuf is certified HVE 3.

WINEMAKING

The merlot and cabernet franc vines, of an average age of 40 years, are planted on gravelly clay enhanced by an iron-rich subsoil. The vineyard is maintained traditionally and conscientiously throughout the year. Vinification takes place in thermo-regulated concrete tanks, and aging is carried out in oak barrels (35% new) for 12-14 months.

A year that yielded mostly mid-weight, charming wines, the vast majority of 2021s are going to be best drunk over the coming decade or so.

JEB DUNNUCK

92
POINTS
Decanter

Deep and heady nose, then so light, vibrant and sweet on the palate. Mouthwatering acidity with fruit just shy of being high-toned, the freshly picked strawberry, raspberry leaf and blackcurrant all bouncy and to the fore, while the silky tannins gently give a frame that slowly expands and widens. Backbone and structure from the fruit, a driving sensation and sense of intent with a hint of wood and spice on the finish, just stopping short of being rustic. Appealing Pomerol character and style with a long life ahead.

91+
POINTS
Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

The 2021 Bourgneuf has turned out better than I anticipated, and one senses its proximity to Trotanoy more clearly than was the case from barrel. Exhibiting aromas of sweet berries, cherries and licorice, it's medium to full-bodied, fleshy and layered, with good depth at the core, framed by sweet structuring tannins. While it will offer plenty of near-term appeal, don't discount its capacity to age.

VARIETALS:
85% Merlot
15% Cabernet Franc

91PTS vinous



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