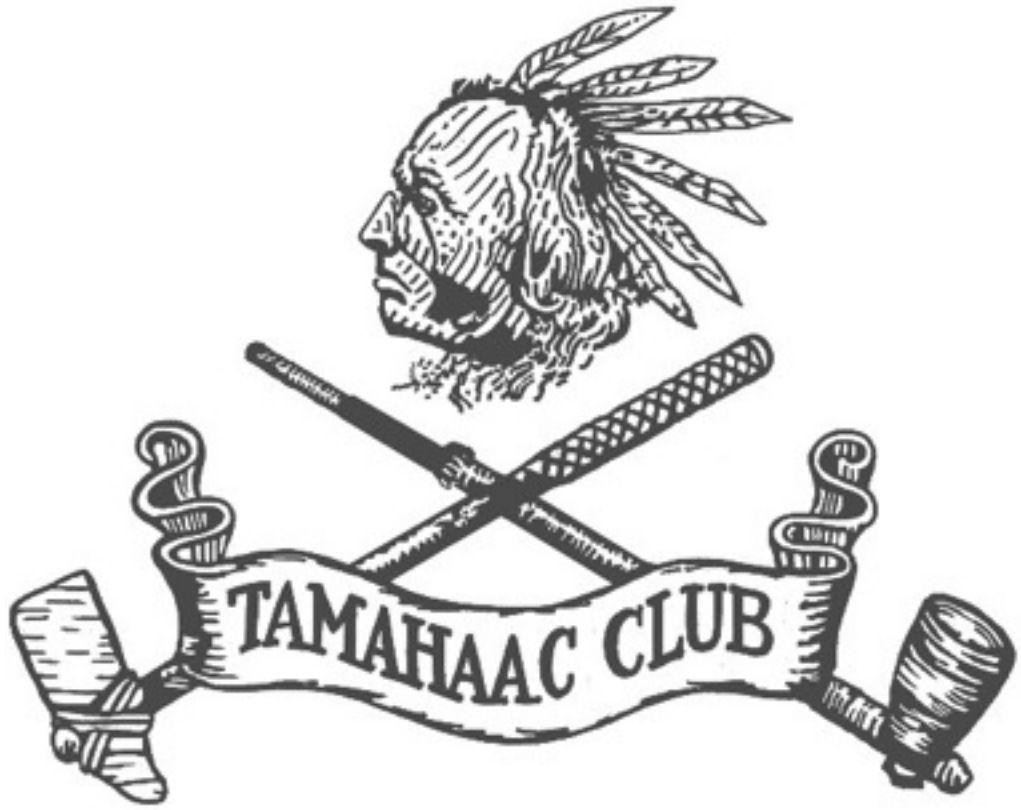


IWFS OAKVILLE

June 25th, 2015

A JUNE EVENING AT TAMAHAC



TONIGHT'S WINES

reviews and information



CREMANT DE BOURGOGNE
LOUIS BOUILLOT PERLE
D'IVOIRE

BRUT BLANC DE BLANCS

VINTAGES#: 48801 | 750 mL bottle
\$19.95

John Szabo, MS

This has a noticeably sweet palate despite the brut designation, and the flavour profile is pleasant enough, balancing green apple fruit and a lightly toasty side. Drink now, nicely chilled to increase the perception of freshness. Tasted May

2015. Value Rating: *1/2

David Lawrason

This is a slim, compact and dry chardonnay-based sparkler. The nose is reserved but correct with dried fruit, mineral and lightly nutty. It's light to medium bodied, clean and tart-edged yet balanced. Quite mineral, even a bit tinny on the finish. Good to very good length. Tasted May 2015

Sara d'Amato

A lightly creamy mid-weight cremant de Bourgogne, relatively dry with lovely texture due, no doubt, to some lees ageing. Nicely made, sincere, finishes a touch short but otherwise good value for the money. Tasted June 2014.

www.drunk.com

Louis Bouillot is a large producer and part of the Boisset La Famille des Grands Vins. Founded in 1877 by Jean Bouillot in Nuits-Saint-George, it's grown into one of the largest producers of sparkling wine in Burgundy. I couldn't find their exact address but I remember driving past a huge facility of theirs next to the motorway when I was staying near Nuits-Saint-George last year – check out the view. They do a range of entry level Crémants, including blanc-de-blanc, blanc-de-noir, rosé, and a mix of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Aligoté and Gamay. They also produce some vintage Grands Terroirs which are expressive of particular geography, another rarity for Crémants. The Perle d'Ivoire is either 100% Chardonnay or there is 5% Aligoté as well – the Boisset Family Estates product page says the former at the top of the page and the latter down about halfway.

This wine was pale lemon green in the glass with a veritable bubble storm. The bead persisted until the last glass was finished, a few hours later. It had a fresh lemon nose, some floral notes, and was developing, but it had a medium minus intensity. The aromas were very light, but what was there was certainly fragrant, a bit like a wildflower you really have to get your nose into. Delicate would probably be the right term. On the palate, there was very crisp acidity and a medium body with medium plus flavour intensity and medium minus alcohol. There were notes of sweet lemon, bitter lime, a little oak (not sure if any is used), some minerality, and grapefruit. It had a medium length and a clean finish.

There were no faults – nothing out of place. Not the most intense, full bodied, or flavourful sparkling wine I've had, but perfectly formed for what it is, and a very good value.

MONTES LIMITED SELECTION PINOT NOIR 2012

2013 - Graves

Cabernet Franc also called "Breton"

Cold stabilization on the lees, cold fermentation about 3 weeks.
100% in stainless steel tanks, on lees. 12.5%
2-3 years



WINERY

The Domaine du Roncée cultivates 55 hectares of vines spread over the right bank of the Vienne river, in the heart of the Chinon appellation. The vines are planted in the grounds which have gone around the ancient Castle of Roncée, which was unfortunately destroyed during the French Revolution. Today you can only see some moats and a beautiful dovecot dating from the 12th century. In the 15th century, each plot of vines was enclosed by walls to form "clos". 95% of the vines are cabernet franc, also called "Breton", with some Cabernet Sauvignon. The main soils are composed of gravelly soil - from recent alluvial deposits of the Vienne river - or clayey gravelly soil from the alluvial deposits of the former river banks.

This wine is baptized on behalf of the daughters of Christophe Baudry, Mary and Justine. We selected on all our properties, the most suitable area for the production of this fresh and fruity rosé. It is obtained mainly by direct pressing completed some bloodletting of our best tanks. 100% fresh Sauvignon Rosé intense nose of exotic fruit supported peach and citrus notes. A wine to drink in the heart of summer, ideal to accompany spicy dishes
<http://www.baudry-dutour.fr>

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Baudry-Dutour "Cuvee Marie Justine" Chinon 2013, Val de Loire. 12.5 % alc. 100% cabernet franc. Very pale onion skin hue; delicate and slightly dusty hints of strawberries and red currants; notes of dried herbs and spice, just a touch of a floral component, violets or lilacs; crisp and lively acidity, an animated element of limestone minerality; cool, clean and refreshing but revealing a scant bit of loamy earthiness on the finish. beautifully knit. Very Good+. About \$20, my purchase.

William Harrison Imports, Manassas, Va.

TASTING NOTES

Salmon-hued colour, intense nose of exotic fruits with aromas of peach and citrus. In the mouth the wine is dry but exhibits very good fruit concentration. Crisp and refreshing yet complex, this rose serves to elevate the experience of white wine drinkers and to convince red wine drinkers that they should expand their horizons!

MORGON POTEL AVIRON VIEILLES VIGNES, COTE DE PY, BEAUJOLAIS 2011



Aged 12 months in oak barrels, 30% of which were new French oak

Cabernet Sauvignon (90%), Malbec (6%) and Merlot (4%)

Ray's Station is an interesting wine, and it is a wine that year in and year out delivers quality at a very affordable price. Vintage Wine Estates, who also own wineries such as Clos Pegase and Girard, produces this wine, and as such the winemaking here is exceptional. I am always happy to see wines from this venerable producer as I know there will be great value and style.

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region tend to be more fruit forward as the climate is warmer, at least for vineyards located inland from the coast. The style of many wines from this region, therefore, are more fruit forward and generous with the dark, rich tannins. The other great thing about Mendocino wines, is that you don't have to pay the premium for a prestigious address such as Napa, and the wines often deliver quality well above comparably priced from other regions.

Like many California Cabs, this wine is a blend of grapes, including Cabernet Sauvignon (90%), Malbec (6%) and Merlot (4%). The Cabernet creates the structure and backbone for this wine, while the Malbec and Merlot round out the blend by softening the Cabernet and adding more red fruit aromas to the flavors. The extended oak aging also builds complexity in flavors by adding a touch of vanilla and spice, but also softens the edges, adding to the smooth drinkability.

What I like about this wine: Generous black fruit aromas; smooth and supple style on the palate that delivers rich, mouth-filling flavors; smooth and lingering finish. This wine can be had for a great price – usually around \$15. I have this on a couple of the wine list programs I manage and we sell it by the glass, where it is very well received.

<http://vintagebeverageworks.com/>

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