

2013 Cabernet Franc

Clau de Nell, Loire, France

Product details

Vintage:	2013	Drinking:	2017
Producer:	Clau de Nell	Alcohol:	
Region:	Loire	Variety:	Cabernet franc
Country:	France		

About the producer

Clau de Nell is the late Anne Claude Leflaive's property in the Loire Valley. The Estate was named after its previous Burgundian owners, Claude and Nelly, who originally bought the property back in 2000 in order to follow their dreams of producing biodynamic wine which was then frowned upon in Burgundy. These strict biodynamic principles are still followed both in the vineyard and the cellar. Anne Claude bought the Estate in 2008 and no wines were bottled commercially for a few years whilst the property was given the full Domaine Leflaive treatment. In 2009 a small amount of wine was produced but it wasn't until 2011 that the Domaine was back to producing wines commercially.

With only 10ha in total, the grapes are hand-picked with great care and fermentation is carried out for around 30 days. Temperature control and chemicals are banned except for tiny doses of sulphur to protect the wine from oxidation. A traditional, 200 year old manual press is used to separate the skins from the wine which spends 18-24 months in barrels before being bottled and matured in the cellars.

