



CHÂTEAU DU MOULIN-À-VENT

2021 CHÂTEAU DU MOULIN-À-VENT, 'LA ROCHELLE'



WINERY

Located in the southernmost tip of the Burgundy region, Moulin-à-Vent was one of the first appellations awarded AOC status in 1936. Chateau du Moulin-à-Vent, named for the 300-year-old stone windmill atop the hill of Les Thorins, dates back to 1732, when it was called Chateau des Thorins.

WINE

These wines are crafted in the traditional style of the region, without utilizing carbonic maceration. They offer a level of structure and complexity that is on par with the wines from Côte de Nuits or Northern Rhône.

VINEYARDS

'La Rochelle' is sourced from arguably the top single vineyard in the appellation. It sits at 280m in altitude with vines that are over 80 years old. The low-yielding vines create intensely concentrated wines that have serious ageing potential.

VINTAGE NOTES

A late year with varying levels of ripeness and low yields caused by spring frost and humidity. Gradual but successful ripening on granitic soils.

WINEMAKING

Traditional vinification without sulphites: one pumping over per day and a punching down during fermentation to release extra juice (and get a homogeneous pumping over.) Low fermentation temperatures (max 25°C). Total duration, from 15 to 18 days.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of violets and ripe red fruits. On the palate, you'll taste flavors of black plum, juicy cherry, and concentrated spice. There is also a more vegetal profile with aromas of sage and gentian, as well as hints of gunflint. Overall, the wine is massive, powerful, and has strong tannins.

VINEYARD

Region:	Bourgogne
Appellation:	Moulin-à-Vent, AOC
Soil:	Granite soil - rich in iron oxide and manganese
Age/Exposure:	80+ year-old vines Southern exposure
Vine Density:	From 10,000 - 12,500 vines/hectare
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable; Organic cultivation without official certification

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Gamay Noir (70% de-stemmed)
Aging:	9 months in 50% French oak, (no new), then 9 months in stainless steel tank before bottling

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	13%
Total Acidity:	3.15 g/L
pH:	3.65