

**CATHERINE ET CLAUDE
MARÉCHAL
BLIGNY-LES-BEAUNE**

**BURGUNDY
COTE D'OR**

OVERVIEW | Claude Maréchal is a gifted and thoughtful winemaker who, having befriended Henri Mayer, tries to follow in his mentor's footsteps, through informal consultation with him. Maréchal's father was a cereal farmer with a few vineyard holdings in Bligny-les-Beaune, a sleepy village east of the city of Beaune. Claude developed a passion for vineyard work and winemaking early on, and pieced together a sizeable estate by renting vineyards all over the Côte de Beaune.

VINEYARD AREA: 12 hectares

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 6200 cases

TOP SITES: *Les Lavières 1er Cru*

SOIL TYPES: *various limestone and iron based soils*

GRAPE VARIETIES: *pinot noir*

Maréchal's aims to make wines that offer a pleasurable experience for everyone, and in several Parisian wine bars, where the staples are Rhône, Loire and Beaujolais crus wines, his Burgundies fit right in. The Bourgogne Cuvée Gravel is a prime example of this type of wine. This wine is packed with up-front raspberry fruit and finishes long with ripe Pinot Noir aromas. Other wines made are Auxey-Duresses white and red, Pommard la Chânière, Savigny-les-Beaune VV and les Lavières, and Côtes-de-Beaune Villages (from Ladoix).

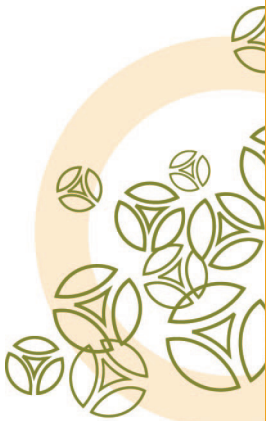
VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | His principles in the vineyards are straightforward: the vineyards are plowed, no herbicides are used, treatments are kept to a minimum (although composted animal manure are used to enliven the soils) and the pruning is severe to keep yields low. Vinification is done in open wooden vats, all grapes are totally destemmed, and fermentation is not induced by adding yeast, so it can take a few days to start (the "natural" cold pre-maceration common in Vosne-Romanée). Aging is done in barrels for 12 to 18 months. New wood barrels are added every year, but their proportion stays low, because Maréchal tries to avoid making over-oaked wines: he'd rather have each vineyard express its own individual character, and make wines where fruit dominates.

WINES | **Bourgogne Rouge Cuvée Gravel** - from a 1.6 hectare plot in Bigny-lés-Beaune and Pommard. Its suppleness and delicate tannins allow it to be enjoyed young, but still assure it can appreciate easily for 5 to 10 years.

Chorey-les-Beaune - Much more serious than the typical Chorey with excellent yet balanced extraction, solid weight and good pinot baby fat.

Ladoix - From a .63 hectare plot in Ladoix Serrigny. Bright, supple fruit flavors of raspberries and morello cherries. Ladoix tend to reveal their qualities after 3 to 4 years.

Savigny-les-Beaune VV - From a 1.6 hectare plot. Lightly structured with a feminine quality.



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