

LAMÉ DELISLE BOUCARD BOURGUEIL 'CUVÉE PRESTIGE'



100% Cabernet Franc. Brimming with aromas of raspberry and cherry, with floral hints, peppercorns and typical notes of graphite and green pepper. Deep and long flavors of sour cherry and blackberry with mint, fresh herb and chalk notes and a trace of tobacco and anise. An attractive hint of 'greenness' leads to soft, integrated tannins. A finely balanced wine. There's a driving energy beneath the fruit, and a rough-hewn beauty to it in its youth. As the years pass it becomes positively velvety, with woody notes adding complexity and depth.

The appellation of Bourgueil extends over 7 villages on the border of Anjou and Touraine. The domain has 108 acres of vineyards, divided into 61 parcels, with an average age of 35 years. All parcels are vinified separately. The terroir is made up of limestone clay. Vinified in conical wooden vats to maximize color and tannin extraction. Vinification lasts 20 days. Punching down of the cap of grapes and pumping over. Malolactic fermentation takes place in large wooden casks. These wines are intended for aging, and spend 20-24 months in cask before bottling. Very lightly filtered. Made in a relatively traditional style, capable of long aging, as attested by the ancient vintages slumbering in the mold-covered cellars.

Created by Pierre Guyot in 1869, Lamé Delisle Boucard has remained a family domaine, and now boasts 5 generations of winegrowers. The family first bottled their wine for re-sale in 1947, something quite rare outside of the greatest estates in Burgundy and Bordeaux. Now with Pierre's great, great grandchildren at the helm, Philippe and Stéphanie Boucard, Lamé-Delisle-Boucard is highly regarded for its superb, mature reds, which are aged in the estate's beautiful Tuffeau cellars under the cuverie. It is of course Cabernet Franc that defines the character of the wine. An ancient grape, it is believed to be descended directly from a wild grape. It was already cultivated in Bordeaux in the 1st century BC, and is considered the father of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. It has been grown in Bourgueil at least since 987 according to local abbey records. Production is biodynamic with minimal use of pesticides and biodiversity is encouraged – methods of sustainable agriculture, as regulated by the ministry of agriculture, are followed.

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Tasting Note:

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