

10 YEARS VERTICAL

A decade for a rebirth

May 2022



1732

Within 8 days, between May 10th and May 18th 2022, Edouard Parinet and Brice Laffond hosted 4 vertical tastings, in 4 different cities, over 10 consecutive vintages: from 2010 to 2019. The meetings were set:

- in New York at Contento, prized 'best micro wine list' by World of Fine Wine
- in San Francisco at Angler, a starred restaurant with one of the largest wine lists in California
- in London at Cabotte, which has a '3-star wine list' according to World of Fine Wine
- in Hong-Kong at Bâtard, a restaurant with one of the largest wine lists in the territory

Among guests present at the tastings, some wine media such as Wine Spectator, Wine&Spirits, James Suckling etc. But also some traditional media (The Telegraph, The Financial Times, Wall Street Journal etc.). Overall, more than 60 people were gathered around the Château's wines.

For the estate, this was an opportunity to look retrospect, through the tasting of these ten vintages: the opportunity to appreciate progress in the vineyard and in the cellar, as well as an invitation to discover the benefits of age on our wines.

// Kristen Bieler, WINE SPECTATOR

"It's not often we have the opportunity to taste any Beaujolais with bottle age, and this retrospective vertical of Château Moulin-à-Vent was a rare treat. The quality and ageability of these wines is testament to the combination of detailed farming, organic viticulture, prime terroir, old vines and precision winemaking. It was also an illustration of the château's evolution towards greater fruit purity and complexity."

// Mark Bright, Wine Director at SAISON** and ANGLER*

"Terroir is the most important element in a wine's construction. The vineyards of CMV are composed of the same qualities of the greatest vineyards on earth, but here Gamay Noir is king. A century ago these were some of the most expensive and respected vineyards in France, and they still are today. Having experienced the 10 year vertical of CMV since the Parinet family has taken over the domaine was a confirmation of the quality of this terroir. It's a long journey, but I believe they are firmly on track to reviving these wines and terroir to one of the greatest of France."

// Jnai Gaither, WINE ENTHUSIAST

"All vintages were stellar but the 2011, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 1996 out of a mag were just singing."

// Jamie Goode, WINE ANORAK

"The ten vintages shown were full of interest, and these appear to be structured, ageworthy wines. The style has shifted a little over time more to approachability, but not at the expense of ageworthiness."

// Andy Howard, DECANTER

"Although winemaking here dates back to 1732, Edouard Parinet, together with winemaker Brice Laffond, are making one of the most elegant and terroir-driven examples of Moulin-a-Vent."

// Alice Lascelles, FINANCIAL TIMES

"A delicious, insightful tasting from a rising star in one of Beaujolais's best crus. Really classy wines at a great price, too."

// Xavier Rousset MS, Wine Director at CABOTTE

"I've been following Château du Moulin-à-Vent for 4/5 years now and at their 10 Year Vertical tasting, I was impressed by not just the sheer quality but also the consistency and age-worthiness of the wines. The recent vintages have gained in purity, elegance, and all of the cuvee I've tasted were very expressive and open, yet showing great potential of ageing."

Tasting at Bâtard, Hong-Kong



Tasting at Cabotte, London



Tasting at Angler, San Francisco



Tasting at Contento, NY