

# CLAU DE NELL



BIODYNAMIC



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## 2019 CABERNET FRANC AOC ANJOU

### vintage Report

The 2018-2019 winter was rather light in rain quantity and mild. When it was followed by a hotter than usual Spring, the vineyard ended up waking up very early with budbreak happening end of March. A few cold episodes slowed down the progress of the vine and on April 4, the frost hit the vines and impacted mostly the early chenin and reducing the yield by half. The summer was particularly dry and hot and if it wasn't for the clay in our soil, the vine could have suffered even more. A very bright and warm end of season in September and October allowed the vines to finish their ripening in ideal condition, bringing fruits with concentration and a great freshness.

### Vineyard

**Soil:** Silty-clay terroir, consisting of sandstone grit and red flint on tuffeau (limestone)

**Surface area:** 5 hectares (12.35 acres)

**Age of vines:** 35-45 years

### Viticulture

**Pruning:** Guyot Mixte pruning system

**Cultivation:** Covering the vine stock with soil in autumn, plowing-down in spring, tilling and allowing natural grass to grow between the rows; biodynamic practices include infusions and plant decoctions applied to the vineyards according to the lunar calendar. DEMETER Certified 100% Biodynamic.

### Harvest

Cabernet Franc harvested between October 7-11 hand-picked in 12-kilogram (26-pound) boxes and sorted in the vineyard

**Yields:** 40 hectoliters/hectare (2.9 tons/acres)

### Vinification

Destemmed grapes were fermented using native yeasts; average of 30 days maceration without extraction; gentle cap punching; limited pump-overs; and infusion techniques at temperatures of 18 C to 25 C (64 F to 77 F). Slow and gentle pressing in a pneumatic press.

### Maturing

12 months on fine lees in French oak casks, used five times before, aged in ancient troglodyte cellars cut into the limestone hillside on the property, followed by 6months in a stainless steel vat.

### Bottling

Bottled without filtration or fining on May 11, 2021, a "fruit day"

### Varietal Composition

100% Cabernet Franc

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