Bourgeuil Haut de la Butte JP Blot

Description:

A serious Loire Cabernet Franc from Jacky Blot's Domaine de la Butte in Bourgueil. Haut de la Butte comes from some of the estate's higher, steeper vineyards, planted on clay and limestone soils. It's a more structured expression of Cabernet Franc than the softer, fruitier styles from the appellation, with dark berry fruit, violets and herbs alongside fine tannins and a distinctly savoury character. It has the freshness to work at the table but enough depth to reward a few years in the cellar.

Tasting notes:
Blackberry, blackcurrant, violet, liquorice, graphite, fresh herbs, fine tannins

Allergens:
Contains sulphites.

Dish Pairing:

- Roast lamb
- Duck breast
- Steak with peppercorn sauce
- Mushroom and lentil dishes

Talking Point:

Jacky Blot's Domaine de la Butte is one of the reference producers of Bourgueil. Haut de la Butte comes from the higher part of the Butte vineyard, where the slopes rise above the Loire and the soils are dominated by limestone and clay. The site is planted entirely to Cabernet Franc, with vines averaging around 40 years old. Blot ferments the grapes with native yeasts and uses large, older oak rather than lots of new wood, allowing the vineyard character and natural freshness of the grape to come through.