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NIGHT RANGER

## CHATEAU DE MINIERE CHATEAU DE MINIERE

Mon meilleur ami for those deep, delightful nights of complicated social jokes requiring a thick skin.



### CONCEPTUAL DOPPELGÄNGER

This man is wearing a tweed peacoat and no shirt. Do you know why? Have you looked at his face? His eyes? He can and will continue to be exactly who he wants to be, including donning outerwear sans (French for without!) a shirt. My goodness. His name is Gaspard and he is a famous actor that you've never heard of—makes fame sort of relative, doesn't it? So here you go: now you know this is Gaspard and he is wonderful at what he does. While he may be new to you, what he does is old as methuselah, with a rakish new take on a not-yet-tired trope. Indulge in one of his movies, regularly if you'd like to learn something old and new. The more attention paid, yields more result. Look deeply.

**WINEMAKER** Clement Maire-Leguistin with Stephane Derenoncourt consulting

**REGION** Bourgueil

**GRAPE VARIETY** Cabernet Franc

**SOIL** Very old limestone bedrock (of the upper Turonian 93-89 million years ago) covered with a layer of Aeolian sand rich in quartz and mica, mixed with silt and clay

**AGE OF VINES** Planted around 1960s-70s

**PRODUCTION** 5,000 bottles

**VITI VINI** The estate planted 100% to Cabernet Franc and is farmed organically. Certification occurred in 2013. Fruit sourced from 2 plots of older vines, Bezards and Marsauls coté Bois. Planting at 5000 vines per hectare, single cane pruning, severe shoot thinning, manual leaf stripping and green harvest when necessary keeps yields low. Harvest is by hand. Destemmed and fermentation in stainless steel with no additions. Gentle pumping over and resting in tank 3-5 weeks. MLF in tanks and barrel. Matured 18 months in 35% 2-3 year old barrels and 65% stainless steel. Bottled without fining or filtering.

**PRODUCER** The 29 ha estate was originally established in the 15th century as a fortified farm, then as a mansion and a century later as a chateau. The French author Charles Perrault was inspired by the castle and had it in mind while writing sleeping beauty. There is a feminine tradition at the Chateau, which continues today through Kathleen Mareels ownership and management. Kathleen and her family have a passion for history and wine, as well as a commitment to organic practices, which embody their lifestyle. Their mission is to naturally produce top quality Cabernet Franc that genuinely reflects the diversity of their site.

