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FRENCH FRIDAY

## CHATEAU MINIERE VIGNE CENTENAIRES DE MINIERE

Wise enough to let others sing your praises.



### CONCEPTUAL DOPPELGÄNGER

She is a muse. Why wouldn't she be? Gorgeous, check. Smart, check. French, check. Creative, check. Genius? Possibly. To be an icon requires provenance hued from the bark of a tree that is older than life. Caroline de Maigrete wears many hats - all of which fit her beautifully. Why? Because her roots are deep. Her experience broad. Her eyes, deeply set into a gaze that will make most humans wilt a bit. Not in a bad way, mind you - but in a way that makes you feel a little less significant. Oh yeah, and she does it without even trying.

**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 1915

**PRODUCTION** 3,000 bottles

**VITI VINI** The estate planted 100% to Cabernet Franc and is farmed organically. Certification occurred in 2013. The vines total 1 hectare, which is comprised of vines from specially selected rows. 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. De-stemmed and fermentation in stainless steel with no additions. Gentle pumping over and resting in tank 3-5 weeks. MLF in barrel. Matured 24 months in barrel (1/3 each new, 1-2 years and 2-3 years old) and bottled without fining or filtering. Yields are very low at an average of 25 hl/ha.

**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.

