



**TERROIRS** The "Les Bonneveaux" lieu dit is a .5 hectare vineyard situated on argilo-calcareous soils with aeolian sandy topsoil located within the commune of Varrains, a terroir prized for its favorable Cabernet Franc growing conditions. "Les Bonneveaux" has a direct southwest exposure, giving the grapes full ripening potential. "Les Bonneveaux" is a short distance from the famed "Poyeux" vineyard of Clos Rougeard.

**FARMING** All of Richard's vineyards are fully certified AB Ecocert organic since 2013, with farming having been performed completely free of synthetic herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers since 2009. Harvests are all performed manually, and always into smaller-than-average harvest bins in order to preserve the purity and freshness of the grapes.

**GRAPE VARIETALS** 100 % Cabernet Franc

**VINE AGE** Average age of 50 years old

**AVERAGE YIELD** 39 hl/ha

**WINEMAKING** Richard employs a minimalist, hands-off approach to his winemaking, with even, long, and classic fermentations performed in vat or barrel. "Les Bonneveaux" is fermented and aged for 18 months in used barrique (with one used barrel coming from Domaine de La Romanée Conti) before a gentle bottling performed without fining or filtration and only a minimal addition of sulfur.

**TASTING NOTES** A perfect balance between deep richness and unmistakable elegance. Richard's knowledge of the famed wines of Clos Rougeard is on full display, with a wine brimming with layers of morello cherry, wild blackberry, smoked earth, and savory, sanguine, gourmand elements of mushrooms and truffles. Structurally, the wine shows a full, soft texture with a corset of lacy tannins and brisk acidity, suggesting a long aging potential.

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION** 2 to 4 barrels or 500 – 1000 bottles

