



CHÂTEAU des BACHELARDS  
*Comtesse de Vazeilles*



## MOULIN-A-VENT 2015

According to Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), “the spirit of geometry is made of power, fullness and rectitude of mind.”

The terroir of Moulin-à-Vent is a blend of several plots located on the very old, fine-grained, schist and black granite source rock, along with clay particles which imparts considerable strength and power to the wine thankfully balanced by limestone which brings freshness and tension.

This wine is intense and straight with a strong build. A wine to lay down. The very old soils (350 million years) are similar to the ones of Hermitage, Côte-Rôtie and part of Saint-Joseph added with some increased freshness given that Moulin-à-Vent is north of these appellations. The wine is dense and structured yet its tannins are silky with a velvety attack. It is to be enjoyed while young, without preventing it from ageing gracefully.

Our estate is planted with a large majority of very old vines, giving us top-quality vine stocks.

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**APELLATION:** Moulin-à-Vent AOP

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**ALCOHOL CONTENT:** 13.5 %

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**VITICULTURE:** Certified organic by Ecocert and certified biodynamic by Demeter, preserving its incomparable naturalness. Manual harvesting of fruit at optimal maturity. Very low yields of around 25 hl/ha.

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**VINIFICATION & AGING:** Manual harvesting in 16 kg crates, reception of the harvest using gravity, total de-stemming, vinification in a roughly-finished concrete vessel, and maturing for 20 months in casks and in "demi-muids" (500-litre capacity barrels) and "foudres" (3000-litre capacity barrels) in order to preserve both its freshness and reinforce its substance. Solely indigenous yeasts, no carbonic nor semi-carbonic maceration, and no thermo-vinification. No purchasing of grapes.

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**TASTING:**

- **Colour:** Deep, bright garnet.
- **Nose:** Intense black pepper blended with floral notes that gain in depth upon aeration.
- **Palate:** The wine is floral with an exquisite elegance. It is mellow and dense with a firm attack and a beautifully long finish. The tannins are extremely fine and the overall experience is airy without the slightest hint of rusticity.
- **A wine for laying down,** already pleasant but at its optimum in four years. Cellaring potential of around 20 years.

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**RECOGNITION:** *"We are very positive on this Moulin-à-Vent as the sunny vintage aspect of 2015 has been very well managed; It is a solar wine with no negative aspects coming from over ripeness. 16/20 Guide des Meilleurs Vin de France 2018 by Olivier Poussier, World's Best Sommelier winner.*

Château des Bachelards has one out of three possible stars in the RVF Guide, placing it among the top 200 wine-growing estates in France.

Vinous, today the largest global publication on wine (Antonio Galloni ex Wine Advocate and Tanzer) has just published all of its Beaujolais tastings. Château des Bachelards obtains the highest possible score for all of its wines, namely 2014 and 2015 vintages (the others are still undergoing aging). Josh Reynolds added:

"Based on the powerful yet graceful and balanced 2015s and equally fine but unfinished 2016s that Mme de Vazeilles showed me, I'd place this estate among the top Beaujolais producers today." With 94/100, this is also the best score from among all Beaujolais wine producers. By smashing the glass ceiling of no greater than 93, we take the lead in the renaissance of "grands vins" wines that the region made over the course of a thousand years up until the end of the 1970s.

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**FORMATS:** Bottles and magnums

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