

1904 - Merlot

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Your favorite thing about wine?
Its finesse, its complexity

Your favorite activity?
I like meeting up with friends for a drink

The quality you most appreciate in friends?
Letting go

The natural gift you would like to have?
To be a musical genius

I was still a teenager when I discovered the rich winemaking past of the family farm and the role played by my great-great-grandfather, Gabriel Bruneteau. Reading his accounting books, I went back to 1904! That year, Gabriel Bruneteau founded the 1st wine estate of my family: Domaine du Grand Moulin. Not only was Gabriel winegrower, but he was also wine merchant as he was trading with neighboring winegrowers. I was realizing the scope of his work: creating a local, supportive and friendly winegrowing network, his own collective of winegrowers. Nearly a century later, I decided to follow his footsteps, and took the same path by creating my own collective of winegrowers: Vignobles Gabriel & Co. 1904 is a premium wine of Château Le Grand Moulin, a tribute to my ancestor and the simple ways of his time, that revealed my taste for winegrowing mutual aid.



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BORDEAUX

Village: Saint-Aubin-de-Blaye

Terroir: Clay and clay-limestone soils - South / south-west / north-west exposure - 25-meter-high - 25-year-old vines

Winemaking and ageing: Parcel selection. Mechanical harvesting in early October. Cold maceration depending on grape quality. Slow start to alcoholic fermentation with pump-overs twice a day, followed by rack and return. Gentle maceration for 15 to 20 days at 25°C. Selection of the finest tank from Château Le Grand Moulin, followed by lees stirring and ageing in stainless steel tanks with oak for 12 months.

Blend: 100% Merlot

Tasting comments: Deep, intense colour. The nose opens with aromas of black fruit. The palate is powerful, with ripe, silky tannins. Generous flavours of juicy stewed fruit envelop the palate, leading to a long finish with elegant cocoa-infused oak notes.

Food and wine pairings: Beef Bourguignon, spiced lentil curry

