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## Bernard Baudry

Established in 1975, Bernard Baudry is a relatively young winery in Chinon terms. Son, Matthieu Baudry, joined in 2001. Today, they own 32 hectares across the appellation from valley floor to slopes and plateau. This being Chinon, production is 90% Cabernet Franc with a splash of Chenin Blanc thrown in. The estate has officially been practicing organics since 2006, although Bernard Baudry didn't previously use any herbicides, so it was not a revolutionary move. The entire wine range displays tender loving care and a light touch: the fruit shows excellent purity. Working with a single variety and no new oak, the s is transparent whether it's the limestone-based Clos Guillot, which provides a powerful, chalky-textured structure and a long, fine line of acidity, or Les Grézeaux with its shy yet smoky character, fluid texture and gravelly tannins sitting on the front of your tongue.

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	Vintage	(Hover for Commentary) Producer	Name	Tasting Notes	Score	Author	Drinking Window	Release Price	Review Date
2020	Bernard Baudry	<a href="#">Chinon Rosé</a>	The 2020 Chinon Rosé is a very pure, dry, mid-weight that offers delicate raspberry notes, but this is as much about structure as it is about fruit. The flint soils contribute a slight phenolic texture and length to the finish. A serious food rosé, made with a blend of 50% flint and 50% alluvial soils, and hand-harvested and gently pressed.  -- Rebecca Gibb MW	92	Rebecca Gibb MW	2021 - 2024	Not Available	Oct 2021	
2020	Bernard Baudry	<a href="#">Chinon Les Granges</a>	Sourced from a single block on the valley floor, where the vines have their feet in free-draining sandy/gravel soils, the 2020 Chinon Les Granges is made a lighter, fruit-driven style with a fine-grained tannic profile. This flows easily with no sense of anything being forced. It's full of bright raspberry, violets and a hint of blackberries and cream; there's a mere whiff of reduction on opening, so give it a little bit of air. Easy to like, bright and fresh and can be enjoyed in youth.  -- Rebecca Gibb MW	89	Rebecca Gibb MW	2021 - 2025	Not Available	Oct 2021	
2019	Bernard Baudry	<a href="#">Chinon Le Domaine</a>	The 2019 Chinon Le Domaine provides excellent concentration of fruit while remaining light on its feet. As well as bright primary fruit, it offers smoky bacon, spice and medicinal characters. There's lovely sappy texture on the finish, which Baudry puts down to the limestone soils of the Chinon plateau that typically grip the side of the mouth. You can enjoy this in its youth, but it has an additional element of seriousness that means its future will stretch out to the medium term.  -- Rebecca Gibb MW	90	Rebecca Gibb MW	2021 - 2026	Not Available	Oct 2021	
2019	Bernard Baudry	<a href="#">Chinon Les Grézeaux</a>	Sourced from a single vineyard located at the bottom of Chinon's slope on alluvial/clay soils, the 2019 Chinon Les Grézeaux is currently a bit shy in terms of revealing its fruit flavors. It's also a hint reductive with its smoky bacon characters, but that's unimportant. What matters is the core of fruit and excellent focus. It's very relaxed and fluid with mouthwatering acidity. The tannins are more serious than the front and midpalate would have suggested and betray a little grittiness. Aged 15 months in cement, this could be opened in one to two years, but the concentration and structure offer drinking over a decade.  -- Rebecca Gibb MW	93	Rebecca Gibb MW	2022 - 2030	Not Available	Oct 2021	
2019	Bernard Baudry	<a href="#">Chinon Clos Guillot</a>	Just outside the village, Clos Guillot sits on a slope on clay over limestone. The 2019 Chinon is a serious barrel sample that melts in your mouth with its silken texture. No crushing, very little <i>remontage</i> and a year in used barrels all lend a very gentle touch. The tannins build gradually, coating the mouth with the finest of chalky textures. Excellent acidity keeps things fresh through the finish.  -- Rebecca Gibb MW	(95-97)	Rebecca Gibb MW	2022 - 2035	Not Available	Oct 2021	
2018	Bernard Baudry	<a href="#">Chinon Clos Guillot</a>	The 2018 Chinon Clos Guillot is a rich, focused powerhouse that's firm and direct, with dark blackberries and smoky notes. If we lived in an ideal world, this would be aged before releasing, as it's ripe yet tight and tannic, with the limestone soils providing grip along the sides of the mouth and a sense of direction. Lengthy, serious and complex, leaving the mouth full of dark berry fruit, spice and tea leaves. A baby.  -- Rebecca Gibb MW	97	Rebecca Gibb MW	2024 - 2040	Not Available	Oct 2021	
2018	Bernard Baudry	<a href="#">Chinon La Croix Boissée</a>	The ripeness of the 2018 vintage gives an almost Syrah/Viognier character to the Chinon La Croix Boissée, which offers sweet black fruit and a creamy apricot note. Sumptuous yet never ever opulent, it's almost as if the wine's just done a yoga class. Plentiful tannins give the inside of your cheeks a chalky rub, while there's surprising freshness considering the ripeness, leading to a lengthy finish. This is a baby that will turn out to be a great adult.	96	Rebecca Gibb MW	2024 - 2038	Not Available	Oct 2021	

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2017	Bernard Baudry	<a href="#">Chinon La Croix Boissée</a>	La Croix Boissée is a vineyard that slopes up from the valley floor to the Chinon plateau close to Baudry's domaine. The result in the 2017 Chinon is a mid-weight, elegant style offering dried herbs and smoked bacon - it's a hint reduction that needs air. The finish is much more powerful than anticipated; there's no shortage of tannins here, but they have the finest of powdery textures, making you lick the inside of your mouth (that's the limestone of Croix Boissée that you see year after year). The lengthy finish is infused with spices - expect a hint of herbs, tea leaf and smoke.	95	Rebecca Gibb MW	2023 - 2040	Not Available	Oct 2021
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