

Le Clos Jordanne,
`Le Grand Clos` Niagara Pinot Noir 2021
Niagara, Ontario, Canada



PRODUCER

Located in the Twenty Mile Bench sub-region of the Niagara Peninsula, Le Clos Jordanne is one of Canada's leading wineries. Originally established as a Franco-Canadian collaboration between the Boisset family and Vincor in 2000, Le Clos Jordanne trailblazed the quality revolution in Niagara still wines. With Thomas Bachelder back at the winemaking helm, the focus is on high-quality, minimal-intervention, single-vineyard Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

VINEYARDS

The 'Le Grand Clos' parcel is located along the western side of the 10.45 hectare 'Le Clos Jordanne' vineyard. The vineyard was originally chosen for its limestone-rich clay soil and cool climate, making it well suited to Burgundian style wines. 'Le Grand Clos' represents the estate's best single parcel of Pinot Noir. The vines are 20 years old and farmed sustainably. Meticulous work is carried out in the vineyards following bud-break to ensure excellent concentration on each single cluster of grapes.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage was characterised by challenging weather. The warm, dry spring resulted in an earlier than average bud break, leading the peninsula into an early flowering period. This suggested a very early, low-yielding harvest. However, a couple of big rains in July and August increased bunch weights. The heavy, frequent rain continued through harvest, but with enough intermittent sun to ripen the Burgundian varieties to attractive levels. For some vineyards, it was a race against time to complete harvest during the sunny breaks, but in general, the grapes remained healthy despite the rains, and the resulting wines have beautifully-plush fruit character, with trademark Niagara acidity and minerality. A particularly classic-tasting vintage.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were harvested by hand and then manually sorted and destemmed upon arrival at the winery. After a short, cold maceration, the wine was fermented with indigenous yeast. After fermentation, the wine was left on the skins for up to a week to delicately macerate the wine and capture all of the desired aromatics and colour. The wine was then gently pressed and run into carefully selected French oak barrels (20-25% new) for malolactic fermentation. The wine was then aged for 22 months to integrate the tannins and fruit. The wine aged for a further six months in bottle prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Pinot Noir shows impressively pure notes of raspberries, ripe cherries, plums and dried herbs on the nose, layered with rose petals and redcurrant. The palate is firm but ripe with pleasant chalky tannins and a long, layered finish.

Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Thomas Bachelder
Closure	Stelvin Lux
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	2.2g/L
Acidity	5.7g/L
Wine pH	3.57
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan