

## Château du Moulin-à-Vent, Les Grands Savarins, Moulin-à-Vent

**AH 95 MB 93 VD 96**

£60 **Flint Wines**

Established in 1732, the Château du Moulin-à-Vent lies at the centre of the appellation, beside the historic windmill. Since purchasing it in 2009, the Parinet family has switched to natural and organic methods, with a focus on specific plots and lieux-dits. Les Grands Savarins is from a 0.78ha plot on the Aux Caves lieu-dits, along an outcrop of bedrock with a high concentration of silica. The 70-year-old vines gave low yields of 20hl/ha in 2022, and the wine was aged 70% in oak, 30% in stainless steel tank for 18 months.

**AH** New oak to the fore, a touch waxy and oily but this will dissipate over time. Good purity of fruit on the palate. Concentrated, elegant; a fine wine.

**MB** The structure of the fruit supports the presence of the oak here, along with an enjoyable floral component. Silky, with elegance and fine tannins.

**VD** Black cherry and spice, aromatic and pronounced. Voluptuous and smooth, with evolving flavours gliding to a very long finish. Powerful and refined.

**Drink** 2025–2035 **Alc** 13%



The windmill at Château du Moulin-à-Vent, Beaujolais



## Château du Moulin-à-Vent, Champ de Cour, Moulin-à-Vent

**AH 95 MB 94 VD 95**

£47.99 **Liberty Wines, The Fine Wine Co**

Champ de Cour is one of the 14 Moulin-à-Vent lieux-dits proposed to the INAO for elevation to premier cru status. It's a 3.29ha site at 220m with an easterly exposure. Averaging 50 years of age, the vines are on stony granitic ground at the foot of the rise where the windmill stands, and are therefore sheltered from the winds. 40% whole-bunch fruit is used, with the wine ageing for 12 months in barrels (25%) and stainless steel tanks (75%).

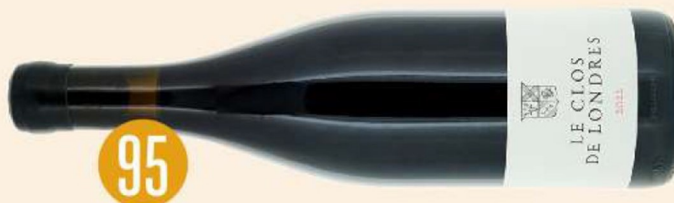
**AH** Deep, dark and concentrated, but this also has precision and lift.

Lovely use of oak, subtle in the background, with a mineral edge.

**MB** Dense red fruit character: ripe strawberries, crushed raspberries, pomegranate seeds; thyme and goji berries. A mineral spine with firm/green tannins and fine acidity.

**VD** Dried lavender, sweet cherries on the nose. Nice generous fruit, bright acidity and firm tannins.

**Drink** 2025–2030 **Alc** 13%



## Château du Moulin-à-Vent, Clos de Londres, Moulin-à-Vent

**AH 95 MB 95 VD 94**

£60 **Flint Wines**

The château is now run by the dynamic Edouard Parinet, together (since 2013) with winemaker Brice Laffond. Both are focused on terroir, using massal selection to best match particular vines with particular plots. Clos des Londres is one of two premium micro-cuvées (with Les Grands Savarins), and is sourced from a 0.56ha plot of 50-year-old vines facing the château and the windmill. 50% whole-bunch fruit, vinified without added sulphites, and the wine aged for 18 months in 70% oak, 30% stainless steel tank.

**AH** Deep and profound, great

purity on the palate with dark fruit notes, a touch of spice, and oak in the background adding weight and structure. Lovely, and plenty of time to improve further.

**MB** Overripe red fruits with oak spices, like cinnamon and vanilla. Quite sweet-fruited but well integrated and framed by tannins and acidity. A good example.

**VD** Black cherries and blueberries, delicate dried herbs and spice. Multi-layered with a nice touch of spice and high intensity of fruit.

**Drink** 2025–2035 **Alc** 13%



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The view from the summit of the Côte du Py vineyard towards the village of Morgon

## Highly recommended 90-94pts



### Château du Moulin-à-Vent, La Rochelle, Moulin-à-Vent

AH 93 MB 92 VD 94

£49.99 Liberty Wines

Vibrant and polished, with blueberry, raspberry, cherry and pomegranate fruit notes. Accents of roses and violets. Smooth and fresh with playful tannins and a long, spicy finish. Elegant yet powerful. **Drink** 2025-2035 **Alc** 13%



### Château du Moulin-à-Vent, Les Vérillats, Moulin-à-Vent

AH 94 MB 90 VD 93

£37 Flint Wines

Fresh strawberries, raspberry jam, rosemary, pink peppercorn and nutmeg. Elegant, with fine-wine character and concentrated, pure fruit. Fine-tuned tannins, vibrant acidity and a long finish. **Drink** 2025-2034 **Alc** 13%



### Château du Moulin-à-Vent, Moulin-à-Vent

AH 93 MB 92 VD 89

£32-£34.65 Alexander Hadleigh, Liberty Wines, Lockett Bros

Elegant and balanced, with spice, wood and fresh black cherry to the fore. Floral notes and a hint of pomegranate add charm, while firm tannins and vibrant acidity suggest great ageing potential. **Drink** 2025-2030 **Alc** 13%

#### NUMBER OF WINES TASTED FROM EACH CRU (north to south) –

Juliéas 5	Chiroubles 10
St-Amour 8	Morgon 47
Chénas 6	Régnié 17
Moulin-à-Vent 29	Brouilly 24
Fleurie 43	Côte de Brouilly 14

**'THE TASTING REVEALED A REMARKABLE SPECTRUM OF POSSIBILITIES WITHIN EACH VILLAGE'**

Victoria Daskal