



2010 Les Chais du Vieux Bourg Cotes du Jura BB1

A Proprietary Blend Dry White Table wine from Cotes du Jura, Jura, France

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Rating: (91-92+)

Drink -

Cost:

While an exceedingly promising Sous le Cerisier Chardonnay was still working through the last of its sugar nearly 14 months after harvest, Bindernagel and Eigenschenk's 2010 Cotes du Jura BB1 – blended as usual with around 15% Savagnin – displayed from cask a fascinating amalgam of green tea, rhubarb, apple, and toasted nuts. Maritime alkalinity and salinity along with a flor-like pungently smoky tang make for a thought- and saliva-provoking performance, promising exciting and age-worthy things in bottle. Nathalie Eigenschenk and Ludwig Bindernagel's Les Chais du Vieux Bourg takes its name from the location of their former home and cellars in Arlay – near to most of their vines – but they have recently moved to an imposing stone complex (doubling as a B & B) on the main street of Poligny, including a serious cellar such as their wines – already among the Jura's most exciting – could not previous enjoy. Vinification and maturation is typically in used barriques. The Bavarian-born, former architect Bindernagel only entered his new career a decade ago, so it must be said that he has proven himself to be a fast learner. A given cuvee or named wine might not be essayed here every year, depending on the vicissitudes of nature and success or luck in the cellar; and sometimes a bottling is set aside until deemed ready to market (even though on release, wines appear to sell out quickly and sometimes without remainder – another reason for gaps in my notes below). I hope soon to find time to scour the market and thereby add to my stock of tasting notes. Bindernagel's 2010s – the estate's first collection to reside in its new cellar – are going to be exceptional, though here, too, my report is far from complete, since certain wines were still fermenting even 13 months after harvest. Imported by Langdon Shiverick, Los Angeles, CA; tel. (213) 483 -5900
