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SKJ Domaines K - 2021

Winemaker: Max Julliot

AOC: Vin de France

Vintage: 2021

Vol: 12 %

RS: 0 q/L

S02: 0 mg/L

Total Production: 2,200 bottles

Grapes: 100% Merlot

Vine Age: 37 years

Soils: Sand, Gravel, Clay, Limestone

Vegan: Yes

Allergens: None

Closure: Cork + Wax

Drinking Window: 2 - 3 years

Ethos: Certified Organic

Producer: Husband and wife, Barbara and Max Julliot, have just taken over a small parcel of vines in Moulis with 2020 being their first vintage. Max has been working at top wineries around the world his whole life and came back to Bordeaux, the place of his upbringing to start a family. On the side Max had an organic and biodynamic conversion consultancy firm, when a small parcel of old-vine Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon came available to rent from 2021. His only condition was that he could do a half vintage in 2020 to test the waters, soils and vines and I have managed to secure 120 of the 450 bottles produced of their very first vintage. They are working out of a borrowed barn, so whilst I'd avoid the word "garagiste", he's one to look out for as he is rapidly gaining reputation for making wines with stylistic individuality.

Viticulture and Vinification: Manual harvest. Semi-carbonic maceration in concrete. Natural yeast. No press wine. 4 weeks vatting. 4 months in stainless steel. Nothing added.

Tasting: Deep, vibrant purple colour. On the nose intense crunchy red fruit with a floral undertone. Supple mouth with silky tannins. Somewhat youthful and will open with a decant or evolve with time in the bottle. The Morgon of the Médoc!