



HISTORY. PARTNERSHIP. LEGACY.



Originally Le Clos Jordanne was a Franco-Canadian winemaking collaboration between Vincor Canada (now Arterra Wines Canada) and the Famille Boisset of Burgundy. The goal of Le Clos Jordanne was to create a “domaine” in the Niagara region, producing ultra-premium, Burgundian-style Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, expressive of the unique terroir of the Jordan Bench.

CANADIAN WINEMAKER

Thomas Bachelder spearheaded the original project, building on the cool-climate, low-intervention, terroir-revealing winemaking techniques he had developed during years spent making wine in Burgundy and Oregon. Le Clos Jordanne produced only Pinot Noir and Chardonnay - using thin-skinned grapes with the potential to beautifully express the conditions in which they were grown.

The vineyards, hand-selected for their similarities in both their climate and the clay and limestone-rich soil to Burgundy’s Côte d’Or, were planted with ultra-premium rootstock imported directly from Burgundy. The low yield vines were harvested using an unhurried approach - hand-picked, hand-sorted and moved using a gravity flow system that ensured careful handling. These techniques, combined with Bachelder’s expertise in cool-climate winemaking, led to wines that truly raised the bar on quality for the Canadian wine industry.

The first batch of Le Clos Jordanne wines were released in 2007 to great critical acclaim. In 2009, the 2005 Claystone Terrace Chardonnay generated global praise after winning first place in the Judgement of Montreal competition, showing the truly exceptional capabilities of the Niagara region and beating out favoured competitors from France and California. It was only the second wine Le Clos produced.

Plans were in place to build Le Clos Jordanne into the flagship winery of the Niagara region, which included a Frank Gehry-designed building. Unfortunately, after much planning, it was decided that the proposed site of the building would be better used to plant more vines. Le Clos Jordanne continued to produce critically acclaimed wines until a few consecutive years of short crops led to its eventual closure in 2016.

In June 2019, Arterra Wines Canada announced a new partnership with

Thomas Bachelder to rebirth the beautiful wines of the Le Clos Jordanne and bring the prominence of this great vineyard back into the Canadian and international spotlight. With a renewed focus on and attention to the Niagara region’s unique terroir, Le Clos will continue to produce Burgundian-style New World Pinot Noir and Chardonnay with finesse, complexity and elegance.