



Part of the Meilleurs Terroirs range

CRÉMANT DE LOIRE NO ADDED SULFITES

Dry White

Refined and elegant

«TIME-HONORED EXPERTISE»

Meilleurs Terroirs has associated the expertise of two great houses to offer the best possible refined Loire Valley sparkling wine under the 11.86 brand. As a result, 11.86 benefits from a priceless know-how, combining tradition and modernity, with small blends and made to measure winemaking, true craftsmanship for a glittering brand.

11.86 unites the skills of two great sparkling wine houses belonging to the Orchidées, Maisons de Vin group. On one hand, the art of blending offered by the fine sparkling wine company, founded by Alcide Monmousseau in 1886. And on the other hand, audacity provided by the innovative spirit of the leading Saumur Loire Valley house, established by Jean-Baptiste Ackerman in 1811.

VINE-GROWING AND WINEMAKING

Grape variety: Chenin and Chardonnay

Soils/Terroirs: Chalky-clay and gravelly soil

Vinification details: This wine is made from a blend of two of our vineyard parcels: one located in a chalky-clay terroir that brings about freshness; and another one in a gravelly terroir, producing fruit and complexity. The grapes are handpicked and carefully sorted to extract the best possible quality. The wine is racked early on in December to avoid premature oxidation and to conserve its excellent fruity aromas. Last of all, the innovative jetting technique is implemented when disgorging to avoid oxidation when elaborating wine without sulfites. It involves the use of a tiny drop of water that strikes the surface of the wine in the bottle, in view of expelling the air just before bottling

Maturing period: 12 to 18 months.

THE VINEYARD

In our 105-ha vineyard, the vines are about 25 years old. We pay particular attention to biodiversity and preserve as much as possible the location's multiple species, with initiatives such as the introduction of 300 meters of thick hedges. Level 3 High Environmental Value certification has shed the spotlight on our environmental and terroir friendly growing techniques.

We are entirely familiar with the local environment, allowing for the precise and tailored management of each parcel.

TASTING NOTES

COLOR

Pale yellow color with slightly golden tints.

AROMAS

Well ripened fruit (apricot, peach).

ON THE PALATE

Refined and light, with white fruit aromas. Discrete and lasting bubbles.

FOOD PAIRING

As an aperitif, with savory or fruity flaky pastries and pear-based desserts.:

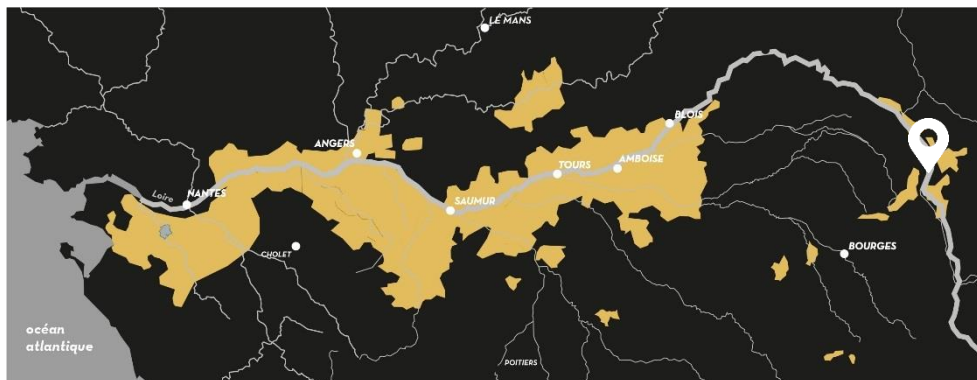
Between 6 to 8°C



Meilleurs Terroirs, where Great Wines are born ...

Comprising many exceptional castles, the Loire Valley is also called the Valley of the Kings. It was the crucible of France's art of living and power, and is without a doubt the cradle of high quality wines. Meilleurs Terroirs is the portfolio of brands, specializing in great wines derived from the region's most well-known terroirs. Such as Chateau de Sancerre, Chateau la Varière, Domaine de la Perruche... exceptional wines from great chateaux and estates, which have built the reputation of our finest appellations.

Loire Valley wines flourish in a **unique cultural landscape**, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Loire Valley vineyard extends over 65,000 hectares within 4 regions – Pays Nantais, Anjou-Saumur, Touraine and Centre Loire. All and all, this wine route represents a distance of 800 km.



"The Loire Valley is France's 3rd largest winegrowing region. Stretching from the Atlantic coast to the Centre region, it is a point of equilibrium, where north meets south, sophistication meets freshness, art meets literature, and tradition meets modernity. These harmonious contrasts - plus the generally temperate climate and extraordinarily varied terroirs - have produced the world's most diverse array of wines. As a result, France's longest river is capable of providing a rich selection of over 50 still and sparkling AOP and PGI wines and over 10 varieties (Chenin, Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Melon de Bourgogne, Cabernet Franc...). All of the wines are in the nature of the Loire Valley."

ABOUT 11.86

« A MOMENT SUSPENDED BY THE BEAUTY OF OUR SENSES »

The story dates back to 1811, the first exceptional vintage in the History of wine. According to growers, its greatness was brought about by the extraordinary weather conditions that occurred due to the passage of the great comet (also called C/1811 F1 by experts or Napoléon's Comet). It is also the History of the creation of one of the oldest Loire Valley sparkling wine companies, the méthode traditionnelle of which, became rapidly famous abroad. Then it continued in 1886, at the heart of the Cher Valley and the most beautiful castles of the Loire, with the creation of a second house that became rapidly famous for its expertise in blending wine. Over the years, these two houses have perfected their art: vine-growing, winemaking and ageing, thereby becoming genuine experts in the elaboration of Loire Valley fine sparkling wines. Today, Meilleurs Terroirs associates the ancestral expertise of these houses under the 11.86 brand, the essence of Loire Valley fine sparkling wines. As a result, 11.86 benefits from a priceless know-how, combining tradition and modernity, with small blends and made to measure winemaking, true craftsmanship for a glittering brand.

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