

## LES TOUES Saumur Blanc sec - 2017

*Well-structured and elegant*

### A TRIBUTE TO SAUMUR'S RIVER HISTORY

Crossed by the Loire river, for centuries the town of Saumur was a central platform of fluvial trade between Nantes and the region around Paris. Local wooden sailing boats were especially used at the time to transport wine and various agricultural products. This wine refers to these vessels, which contributed to the rise of the wines of Saumur.

### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Chenin Blanc.

**Soils/Terroirs:** Chalky-clay.

**Vineyard:** Situated in the district of Puy-Notre-Dame.

**Winemaking:** A double fermentation (alcoholic and malolactic) is carried out in barrels to develop delicate oaky notes. The wine is matured for a period of 10 months in barrels with stirring on lees in view of bringing about fat and roundness.

**Maturing period:** 10 months in barrels

### THE VINEYARD

The vineyard's parcels are close together and begin on the hilltop of the hamlet of Argentay, at an altitude of around 90 meters. They face Southwest and stretch along a geological formation, renowned for its terroir and called the flow of Cerisaie. The chalky clay soils are made up of green and white limestone, especially adapted to Chenin.

### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR

Pale yellow with golden tints.

#### AROMAS

Well ripened white fruit aromas with a hint of vanilla, joined by toasted and spicy notes.

#### ON THE PALATE

Frank and strong attack. Aromas of dried apricots with grilled notes. Round with a long and elegant finish.

### FOOD PAIRING

Seafood, sea scallops, sole meunière and hard cheese.

Serving temperature:  
between 8 and 10°C

Potential for ageing:  
8 years



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## LE MOULIN CAVIER

### Saumur Champigny

### Rouge - 2017

*Finesse and Concentration*

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE HERITAGE OF SAUMUR

East of the castle of Saumur and overlooking the Loire is the well-known rue des moulins. At the beginning of last century, this street boasted up to 32 windmills located throughout the heart of the vineyard of Saumur Champigny. These windmills are built upon cellars, sometimes troglodytic ones – hence their names evoking caverns. At the time, millers used to make wine. This cuvée was created in tribute to this patrimony and its exceptional terroir.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Cabernet Franc.

**Soils/Terroirs:** Limestone soil.

**Vineyard:** Old low yielding vines producing rich and highly concentrated grapes.

**Winemaking:** When the harvest arrives in the cellar it is sorted to remove leaves and damaged fruit. The grapes undergo a cold maceration to gently extract aromas and color. Last but not least, the wine is matured in barrels to develop its complexity and intensity.

**Maturing period:** about a year in barrels.

#### THE VINEYARD

Saumur Champigny appellation extends across the limestone slopes of the Loire's right bank around the town of Saumur, representing a total surface area of 1,500 ha.

The appellation's name means «fields of fire» in Latin (campus igni), with reference to the especially hot micro-climate during the summertime. Chiefly derived from Cabernet Franc, the wines of Saumur Champigny are dense, fleshy and elegant with tannins that are at once intense and supple.

#### TASTING NOTES

##### COLOR

Intense garnet color.

##### AROMAS

Black berries (black berries, wild berries) with toasted notes.

##### ON THE PALATE

Ample and well-balanced. Aromas of black berries, spices (red pepper) and moka.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Red meat (roast beef, veal, lamb and grilled duck breast), cheese (brie or Ossau Iraty) and chocolate dessert (black forest or chocolate cake and red berries).

Serving temperature:  
16°C

Potential for ageing:  
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## CHINON LES BOIRES

*Dry red - 2014*

*Powerful and Silky*

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**Grape variety:** Cabernet Franc

**Soils/ Terroirs:** A blend of two terroirs – one is hilly with chalky-clay soil, the other comprises a sand-laden soil. This combination produces a wine that is at once harmonious and well-balanced.

**Winemaking:** Parcel selection. In-house winemaking, monitored by our oenologists on a weekly basis and age ageing in our cellars. Bottling is undertaken only when the wine has reached optimum maturity to preserve richness and fruity notes.

**Maturing period:** from 12 to 18 months in barrels, including 20% in new barrels.

### THE VINEYARD

Derived from three plots, most of the grapes used to produce this wine are hand picked. The parcels called Saut aux loups and Villy are situated on chalky-clay slopes, producing concentrated and tannic wines. Maisons Bourdeaux is a parcel situated in the plain with a sandy soil, providing fruity notes and depth.

### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Good intensity.

**AROMAS**   
Red and black berries, blended with notes of torrefied cocoa and toasted bread.

**ON THE PALATE**   
Round with good density. The wine's structure is brought about by the tannins provided by the Cabernet Franc variety and oak ageing. Very nice body, with a hint of bitterness.

### FOOD PAIRING

Wild boar terrine, mushroom pie, duck nems, beef stew, roast game birds, saint-nectaire cheese

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between 15 and 16°C

Potential for ageing:  
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**Maturing period:** from 12 in barrels from 1 to 3 wines.

### THE VINEYARD

The grapes come from three different plots. Two of them - « Saut aux Loups » and « Villy » - are located on hilly chalky-clay soil and produce concentrated and tannin wines (1/3 of the blend). « Les Maisons Bourdeaux » is located on a sandy plain and brings fruitiness and deepness (2/3 of the blend).

### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Good intensity.

**AROMAS**   
Red and black berries, blended with notes of liquorice.

**ON THE PALATE**   
Elegant with finesse. Silky tannins.  
Final on fruity notes and undergrowth.

### FOOD PAIRING

Poultry, veal, salads.

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between 15 and 16°C

Potential for ageing:  
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## SANCERRE N7

### Dry white - 2014

Complex and Expressive

#### IN HOMAGE TO HIGHWAY 7

This wine is a nostalgic reference to the mythical French highway, Nationale 7, that Parisians used to take to drive down to the Riviera for their holidays ... and that went via Sancerre. This is the most popular road in France, representing a distance of 996 km from the heart of Paris to the border of Italy, and passing through a breathtaking array of terroirs.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Sauvignon Blanc

**Soils/Terroirs:** A blend of 3 typical Sancerre terroirs: flint stone, stony-limestone and clay-limestone.

**Winemaking:** This premium wine is the fruit of a meticulous selection undertaken by our oenologists (choice of soils and parcels beforehand, fine-tuned winemaking) and takes advantage of all the diversity of AOP Sancerre. Indeed, this wine brings together the 3 terroirs representing this appellation. The typical features of each contribute to its profile: mineral notes from the flint stone, structure from the stony-limestone and fruit from the clay-limestone. Careful blending and maturing on fine lees come afterwards. This wine's opulence is communicated by its ample bottle and the drawing on the label evokes the highway's route. It is an offering for Epicureans in general and for Epicurean moments.

**Maturing period:** 6 months on fine lees.

#### THE VINEYARD

Due to its landscape and complex geology, Sancerre boasts highly different terroirs. Exposition, altitude, soil type and water reserve are elements that mark the extremely expressive Sauvignon grape variety differently, depending upon the conditions of the vintage. This diversity is an asset, specific to great appellations. The grapes from the stony-limestone plots called Caillottes produce nervous and fruity wines. The clay-limestone terroirs known as Terres Blanches are very rich with plenty of aromatic finesse. When blended they often create the wine's body due to their complexity and strength. The flint-stone terroirs produce wines that are taunter, more straight forward, more mineral, more acid and more spicy.

#### TASTING NOTES

##### COLOR

Pale yellow with discreet golden tints.

##### AROMAS

At once fruity, floral and vegetal: yellow fleshed fruit, white flowers and fresh aromatic herbs.

##### ON THE PALATE

Rich and concentrated, mineral notes and freshness, aromatic complexity.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Asparagus, cottage cheese with herbs, fish.

Serving temperature: between 10 and 12°C

Potential for ageing: 8 years



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## LE MASTER

### *Muscadet Sèvre et Maine*

### *Dry white - 2016*

*Finesse and Concentration*

« 1984 »

In keeping with tradition, each year, our oenologists, trade partners and buyers meet up at Chateau de la Cassemichère in Muscadet in view of selecting from several blends, this great wine, born in 1984. For a long time, this castle was the private property of the Bahuud family and Donatien even looked for hidden treasures here. Awarded medals on a regular basis, Le Master boasts good ageing potential.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Melon de Bourgogne.

**Soils/Terroirs:** Gneiss and orthogneiss, a continuity of the Armorican massif.

**Vines:** 35 years old, Guyot Nantais pruning.

**Vinification details:** The harvest is transformed into wine in underground vats, a common practice in this region, making use of the soil's thermal inertia. This is even more true when it comes to the maturing stage that is carried out at a constant temperature. Aged on lees (the deposit of dead yeast after the first fermentation), this wine is stirred on a regular basis to extract their aromatic particles. They develop the wine's ageing potential. The blends are then blind tasted to identify the one best representing le Master brand. Ageing-potential is the chief quality guiding this choice!

**Maturing period:** 6 months on lees.

#### THE VINEYARD

Situated in the most northern part of the Nantais vineyard, the terroir of Le Master is made up of rocks from the Armorican massif. From an agronomic point of view, these soils are poor, however they are well suited to vine-growing. They promote the growth of well-ripened grapes, meeting the quality criteria of this brand. The high plantation density (7,000 vine stocks per hectare), limits the yield and fosters concentration.

#### TASTING NOTES

##### COLOR

Pale yellow.

##### AROMAS

Floral (camomille tea, linden-tree) with fruity notes (apricot, lemon pie).

##### ON THE PALATE

Fresh, mineral, ripe fruit. Long and salty final.

#### FOOD PAIRING

In the light of its matter, Le Master is very pleasant as an aperitif, but goes perfectly well with sea food and fish, as well as sea scallops.

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##### COLOR

Deep bright yellow.

##### AROMAS

Refined and delicate with floral and dried citrus fruit aromas.

##### ON THE PALATE

Complexity, harmonious with notes of apricot.

Balanced structure between fat and freshness.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Sushis, fish, fresh cheese

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## POUILLY-FUMÉ

### La Bibliothèque

### White - 2018

Refined and mineral

#### «A TRIBUTE TO A HISTORIC TREASURE.»

This prestigious wine pays tribute to the magnificent library of the castle next to this vineyard, containing 12,000 listed works. Careful maturing has enhanced this Pouilly Fumé which displays crisp and mineral notes reflecting its terroir.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Sauvignon

**Sols / Terroirs :** sandy and stony soil with plenty of flintstone

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists take great care when making this wine. After direct pressing, the fermentation is carried out at a low temperature in thermoregulated vats. Well mastered temperatures favor the development of the Sauvignon's delicate aromas. The presence of sulphites is reduced by the use of neutral gas which limits the risk of oxidation and conserves the harvest's freshness and fruity aromas.

**Maturing period:** 4 months



#### TASTING NOTES

##### COLOR

Limpid with yellow tints.

##### AROMAS

Expressive with frank and mineral notes.

##### ON THE PALATE

Crisp with discrete fruity and vegetal notes.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with a warm goat's cheese salad or a mixed salad.

Serving temperature  
8 to 10 °C

Potential for ageing :  
8 years



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## TOURAINÉ *Les Chârtés* White - 2018

*Refined and fruity*

### «A TRIBUTE TO DONATIEN BAHUAUD»

This prestigious wine pays homage to the cart called "Chârté" in the regional dialect that Donatien Bahuaud used to deliver his wines. At once emotional and historic, this vehicule was built by one of his loved ones.

Careful maturing has enhanced this Touraine, which reveals a rich palate with nice aromas.

### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Sauvignon

**Soils / Terroirs :** sandy and stony soil with plenty of flintstone

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists take great care when making this wine. After direct pressing, the fermentation is carried out at a low temperature in thermoregulated vats. Well mastered temperatures favor the development of the Sauvignon's delicate aromas. The presence of sulphites is reduced by the use of neutral gas which limits the risk of oxidation and conserves the harvest's freshness and fruity aromas.

**Maturing period :** 4 months

### THE VINEYARD

Representing an average age of 25 years, the vines are planted in a sandy and stony soil with plenty of flintstone. The composition and the aerated structure of these soils provide top quality grapes that produce in turn refined and light wines. They also reflect sunlight on the bunches thereby favoring their development.

### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR

Limpid with yellow tints.

#### AROMAS

Expressive with notes of boxwood and candied citrus fruit.

#### ON THE PALATE

Round and well balanced with a pleasant finish underscored by candied citrus fruit

### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal as an aperitif, with asparagus or even goat's cheese.

Serving temperature  
8 to 10 °C

Potential for ageing :  
5 years



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## VOUVRAY *L'Alcôve* White - 2018

Complex and aromatic

### «A TRIBUTE TO CAVE DWELLERS»

This prestigious wine evokes the interesting architecture that can be found in many troglodyte homes in Touraine: a dwelling carved out of a tuffeau stone wall. Careful maturing has enhanced this Vouvray which reveals good freshness and a long finish.

### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Chenin

**Soils/Terroirs:** chalk-clay and flintstone

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists take great care when making this wine. A 3-hour skin maceration is carried out to fully extract the aromas. Fermentation at a high temperature (20-22°C) produces tropical fruit aromas.

**Maturing period :** 5 months on lees

### THE VINEYARD

Representing an average age of 40 years old, the vines are located in Vernou sur Brenne, Rochecorbon and Vouvray where they benefit from a chalk-clay and flintstone soil.

### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR

Pale yellow with ivory tints.

#### AROMAS

Expressive with notes of tropical fruit (pineapple) and mineral aromas (flint-stone and pebbles).

#### ON THE PALATE

Fresh attack. Very full, with notes of well ripened fruit and a long finish. Very nice balance on the palate.

### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with seafood, white meat with gravy, grilled fish or even goat's cheese.

Serving temperature :  
8 to 10 °C

Potential for ageing :  
10 years



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## ROSÉ D'ANJOU

### *Les Faluns*

### *Rosé - 2018*

*Balanced and spicy*

#### «A TRIBUTE TO THE TERROIR OF ANJOU»

This prestigious wine evokes the typical rock located in Anjou comprising pieces of shell called "faluns". Its terroir boasts countless fossils that can be easily picked up from the ground. Careful maturing has enhanced this Rosé d'Anjou, which displays impressive balance and tasty aromas.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Gamay, Grolleau, Pineau d'Aunis

**Vinification details :** The grapes are pressed immediately after the harvest to conserve the fruit's crispness and aromas. The wine is protected from the effects of oxygen to conserve its qualities.

**Maturing period:** 4 months



#### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Pale pink

**AROMAS**   
Crisp with citrus fruit and crushed strawberry notes.

**ON THE PALATE**   
Balanced with crispness and rich fruity flavors.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal as an aperitif or with rocket and mozzarella pizza or tandoori chicken

Serving temperature  
8 to 10 °C

Potential for ageing:  
3 years



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## COTEAUX DU LAYON

### *Les Vallons* *With - 2018*

*Balanced and Fruity*

#### «A TRIBUTE TO THE LANDSCAPE OF LAYON»

This is a prestigious wine evoking the small valleys marking the appellation's landscapes. The area's schist and slate soils support and shape the vines, and boast a mosaic of changing colors depending upon the seasons. This Coteaux du Layon is magnified by careful ageing.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING


**Grape Variety:** Chenin blanc


**Winemaking details :** The house's oenologists have taken great care in the elaboration of this product to provide you with a well-balanced and fruity Coteaux du Layon. The proximity of the Layon river and sunny autumn afternoons offer ideal conditions for the development of noble rot. The botrytis cinerea fungus that brings about this noble rot produces berries that are concentrated in sugar and aromas. Handpicking ensures that only the best grapes are used to make this wine. After direct pressing, fermentation is undertaken at a controlled temperature to promote the release of aromas and is stopped by the cold, thereby guaranteeing good balance between the sugar and the acidity.

**Maturing period :** 4 months

#### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Pale yellow

**AROMAS**   
Fruity with notes of lemon marmelade and tropical fruit.

**ON THE PALATE**   
Round with discreet notes of honey and dried fruit.  
Good balance between the sugar and the acidity.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with fresh fruit desserts.

Serving temperature :  
8 to 10 °C

Potential for ageing :  
12 years



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## CABERNET D'ANJOU

### Les Terroirs Rosé – 2018

*Fruity and powerful*

#### «A TASTY AND ROUND CABERNET D'ANJOU»

As we are concerned about preserving the terroir and the local biodiversity, steps have been taken to convert the vineyard over to organic growing since 2016. As a result, the use of chemical treatments is excluded in view of respecting the soils and of favoring the expression of the qualities of our terroir and its grape varieties.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape Variety:** Cabernet Franc  
**Winemaking details :** Cabernet Franc, the leading grape variety of the Loire Valley, benefits here from the full expertise of our oenologists and entirely expresses red berry aromas. After direct pressing, the fermentation is carried out at a controlled temperature between 16°and 20°C, thereby favoring the development of aromas and producing a crisp and fruity wine.

**Maturing period:** 4 months


#### VINEYARD

The vineyard is located on a schist terroir. It maintains warm temperatures, thereby allowing the fruit to perfectly mature. Moreover, our growers use one of the best rootstocks: Riparia Gloire from Montpellier. The vine develops a low yield, thereby allowing the grapes to reach peak ripeness.

The vineyard is currently in its third year of conversion over to organic winegrowing.

#### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Dark pink color

**AROMAS**   
Nice aromas with notes of crushed raspberry and red berries.

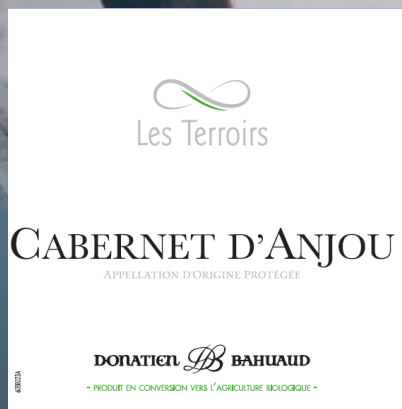
**ON THE PALATE**   
Good structure and good roundness with well ripened fruit.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal as an aperitif or with fruit-based desserts.

Serving temperature:  
8 to 10 °C

Potential for ageing:  
3 years



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## SAINT NICOLAS DE BOURGUEIL

### *Les Terroirs Bio*

### *Red - 2017*

Full bodied

#### « ORGANIC IN A SANDY TERROIR »

We have carefully selected parcels situated in a sandy gravelly terroir, typical of the appellation. They have been grown according to organic farming techniques since the 2013 vintage, and produce an ample and strong Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil.

Precise, long and slow maturing highlight the full aromatic richness of this wine.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Cabernet Franc

**Soils / Terroirs :** Sandy gravel producing red berry aromas and nice suppleness.

**Vinification details :** The grapes are handpicked when fully ripened, thereby expressing straightforward fruitiness. The tuffeau stone cellar maintains constant temperatures all year round. As a result, it allows the wine to be made and aged in the best possible conditions.

**Temps d'élevage :** At least 6 months

#### THE VINEYARD

The parcels are located west of Touraine, close to the border of Anjou, on the right bank of the Loire. Grown according to environmental friendly practices since the 2000s, its conversion over to organic farming began in 2013.

#### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Light violet color

**AROMAS**   
Impressive intensity, underscored by red berry aromas.

**ON THE PALATE**   
Supple with frank fruitiness (red berries). Ample and strong with good roundness. Silky tannins.

#### FOOD PAIRING


Fish, grilled or roasted meat, red berry desserts.

Serving temperature  
14 to 16°C

Potential for ageing :  
8 years



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## ANJOU BLANC

### *Les Terroirs*

### *White- 2017*

*Crisp and complex*

#### «SCHIST TERROIR »

Situated in a schist terroir, the vineyard fully benefits from the assets of the Layon Valley, most especially autumn-time mist that allows Chenin to achieve over-ripeness – a feature associated with great white wines. Keen on preserving the fine quality and true expression of this fabulous terroir, we are currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of conversion over to organic growing and intervene as little as possible in the winemaking process.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape Variety:** Chenin

**Soils / Terroirs:** Schist

**Winemaking details:** The grapes are hand picked and carefully sorted in the vineyard. After direct pressing, the winemaking and maturing is undertaken in a cool cellar in barrels used three times beforehand. During the maturing stage, weekly tastings determine the amount of stirring required to obtain the complexity of a perfect wine.

**Maturing period:** 12-month minimum with 6 months in barrels

#### THE VINEYARD

The vineyard is located in a schist terroir. The schist-laden soil maintains warm temperatures, thereby allowing the Chenin of this wine to perfectly ripen. Soil tilling and grass growing help to supply a moderate amount of water - a key factor in the production of great wines for ageing.

The vineyard is currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of conversion over to organic growing.

#### TASTING NOTES

##### COLOR

Pale yellow with green tints

##### AROMAS

Nice aromas of flint-stone with lemony flavors

##### ON THE PALATE

Lively and fruity attack. Aromas of exotic fruits and chocolate. Toasted notes. Mineral finish and good aromatic persistence.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Smoked fish, white meat or cheese.

Serving temperature  
6 to 8 °C

Potential for ageing:  
8 years

  
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## ANJOU VILLAGES

### *Les Terroirs* *Red - 2017*

*mature and full-bodied*

#### « THIS ANJOU VILLAGES DISPLAYS HIGHLY RICH AROMAS »

Concerned about preserving the terroir and bio-diversity, we have been committed to converting over to organic growing since 2016. We manage our vineyard without the use of chemical inputs and with the greatest respect for the soils, in view of favoring the expression of the terroir and the varieties' full potential.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape Variety:** Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet franc

**Soils / Terroirs:** Schistes

**Winemaking details:**

This wine allows Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon to achieve their full potential.

2017 was characterized by a hot summer that helped to produce well ripened grapes.

We take special care of the vineyard, by preferring to till the soils rather than using chemical treatments.

During the fermentation phase, the marc is immersed to gently extract the harvest's juice and to preserve its fruity aromas. Ageing in barrels for Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Maturing period:** a 12-month

#### VINEYARD


The vineyard is located on a schist terroir offering good drainage and plenty of warmth, thereby allowing the grapes to perfectly ripen.

Soil tilling and grass growing help to supply a moderate amount of water - a key factor in the production of great wines for ageing.

**The vineyard is currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of conversion over to organic growing.**

#### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Purplish red

**AROMAS**   
Pleasant black berry and black pepper notes come to the fore.

**ON THE PALATE**   
Impressive structure on the palate with round tannins.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Meat with gravy or steak.

Serving temperature:  
14 to 16 °C

Potential for ageing:  
10 years



  
Les Terroirs

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## VAL DE LOIRE – CABERNET FRANC

### *Secret des Vignes*

### *Rose – 2018*

*Intense and Fruity*

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This intense and fruity Cabernet Franc expresses strong notes of passion fruit, citrus fruit and raspberry.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Cabernet Franc

**Vineyard:** The southern part of Saumur.

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. The harvest's skins were macerated for a period of three hours before pressing to fully extract the aromas. The fermentation was then carried out at a high temperature (18-19°C) to entirely reveal the expression of the variety's tropical fruit.

**Maturing period :** 5 months



#### TASTING NOTES



##### ROBE

Pale pink with violet tints.



##### NEZ

Fruity with notes of passion fruit and raspberry typical of Cabernet Franc



##### BOUCHE

Generous and fresh with plenty of volume and an impressive finish evoking citrus fruit notes.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal as an aperitif or with grilled meat, poultry or even fruit salad.

Serving temperature:  
8 to 10°C

Potential for ageing:  
3 years



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## VAL DE LOIRE - PINEAU D'AUNIS

### *Secret des Vignes*

### *Rose - 2018*

*Fruity and Tasty*

#### « A LITTLE KNOWN GRAPE VARIETY AT ITS BEST »

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This fresh and tasty Pineau d'Aunis reveals aromas of small red berries with slightly spicy notes, that are typical of the grape variety.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Pineau d'Aunis

**Vinification details :** The harvest is carefully elaborated into wine by our oenologists. A six-hour skin maceration before pressing allows for the extraction of aromas and some bitter notes, recalling citrus fruit. Winemaking at a controlled temperature of 17 to 19°C brings these aromas to the fore and conserves the fruit and freshness.

**Maturing period :** 5 months



#### TASTING NOTES

##### COLOR

Light pink salmon color.

##### AROMAS

Expressive with raspberry and candy notes.

##### ON THE PALATE

Well structured with notes of stewed citrus fruit and spices. Volume and lasting final.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal as an aperitif or with grilled meat or mixed salads.

Serving temperature:  
8 to 10°C

Potential for ageing:  
3 years



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## VAL DE LOIRE - CHARDONNAY

### *Secret des Vignes*

### *White- 2018*

*Crisp and Fruity*

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This lively and fruity Chardonnay expresses white flowers and citrus fruit notes.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Chardonnay

**Sols/Terroirs:** Anjou et Nantais

**Type de vinification et particularités :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. The harvest was picked when fully ripened. After pressing, the must fermented at a temperature between 15 and 18°C. The temperatures were mastered in view of enhancing Chardonnay's delicate aromas and preserving the grape's crisp and fruity features.

**Maturing period:** 5 months on the lies

**Ageing potentiel:** 2 to 3 years



#### TASTING NOTES

##### COLOR

Pale yellow

##### AROMAS

Essentially floral notes (white flowers) with a hint of citrus fruit and notes of white fleshed fruits (peach).

##### ON THE PALATE

Round, well structured and fresh. Aromas of citrus, well ripened white fleshed fruits (peach) and brioche.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal as an aperitif or with saucy fish dishes or white meat.

Serving temperature :  
8 to 10°C

Potential for ageing :  
5 years



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## VAL DE LOIRE - SAUVIGNON

### *Secret des Vignes*

### White- 2018

*Intense and Fruity*

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This Sauvignon displays intense notes of well ripened citrus fruit, boxwood and broom.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Sauvignon

**Sols/Terroirs:** Anjou et Nantais

**Type de vinification et particularités :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. A 3 to 4-hour skin maceration of part of the harvest extracted the aromas and reinforced the wine's fruity and varietal features. In addition to a fermentation at a low temperature between 14 and 17°C in view of releasing aromas, neutral gas was added to protect the wine from oxidation and to limit the use of sulfites. As a result, the wine's crisp and fruity features were preserved.

**Maturing period:** 5 months

**Ageing potentiel:** 2 to 3 years



#### TASTING NOTES

**ROBE** 

Pale yellow with golden tints.

**NEZ** 

Intense and complex. Notes of well ripened citrus fruit and exotic fruits.

**BOUCHE** 

Good freshness on the palate with fruity notes. : citrus (lemon, grapefruit) and exotic fruits (litchi, mango)

#### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with fish, seafood and goat's cheese.

Serving temperature :  
8 to 10°C

Potential for ageing :  
4 years



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## VAL DE LOIRE - CHENIN

### *Secret des Vignes*

### White - 2018

*Refined and fruity*

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#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Chenin

**Vinification details :** The harvest is carefully elaborated into wine by our oenologists. Part of the blend involves the use of freshly pressed must that is set aside and maintained at a cold temperature with its lees for a week before starting off the fermentation stage. This maceration on deposits maximizes the extraction of the aromas that are revealed afterwards. The fermentation then takes place between 17 and 19°C in thermoregulated vats. The use of neutral gas excludes oxidation damage. As a result, the wine's crisp and fruity features are conserved.

**Maturing period:** 5 months on the lies

**Ageing potentiel:** 2 to 3 years

#### TASTING NOTES

##### COLOR

Pale yellow color

##### AROMAS

Expressive, evoking lemon and white flowers.

##### ON THE PALATE

Acidulated and fresh with tropical fruit notes and citrus.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal as an aperitif or with fish, seafood or salads.

Serving temperature :  
6 to 8°C

Potential for ageing :  
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## VAL DE LOIRE – CABERNET FRANC

### *Secret des Vignes*

### Red – 2018

Fresh and fruity

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This Cabernet Franc reveals intense notes of red berries and nice sweetness.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Cabernet Franc

**Soils / Terroir :** Marly ostraca fragments and chalky-clay.

**Vinification details :** In this case, our oenologists have selected parcels of Cabernet Franc situated in marly ostraca fragments and chalky limestone. The structure and the depth of these soils ensure a moderate water supply as well as the elements required for the development of the vine. As a result, the grapes achieve a perfect balance between aromas, sugar and acidity. A short week long maceration ensures the extraction of aromas. Fermentation at a controlled temperature and bottling conserves the wine's fresh and fruity characteristics.

#### TASTING NOTES

##### COLOR

Red ruby.

##### AROMAS

Expressive with red and black berry notes such as black currant and black berry.

##### ON THE PALATE

Good structure and nice sweetness with red berry notes.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with barbecues, meat skewers, charcuterie or even cheese.

Serving temperature :  
14 to 16°C

Potential for ageing :  
6 years



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Les vins de la Vallée de la Loire fleurissent dans un **paysage culturel unique**, classé au patrimoine mondial de l'UNESCO. Le vignoble du Val de Loire s'étend sur plus de 65 000 ha, répartis sur 4 régions et 800 km de route des vins. La région comprend le Pays Nantais, l'Anjou-Saumur, la Touraine et le Centre Loire.



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Depuis 1929, Donatien Bahuaud, dénicheur de crus de Loire, propose des vins de Loire premium pour le plus grand bonheur des épicuriens. Notre maison, maître dans l'art de l'assemblage, élabore des cuvées permettant de marier élégamment les expressions aromatiques et les atouts de chaque cuvée. Le potentiel de garde de cet assemblage est ensuite optimisé grâce à un élevage lent et minutieux dans nos chais, afin de garantir, puissance et tenue dans le temps. Les trois cuvées les plus emblématiques de Donatien Bahuaud sont le Muscadet Sèvre et Maine le Master, le Chinon Les Boires et le Sancerre N7, parcourant ainsi l'ensemble du Val de Loire.

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