



**DROUET FRÈRES**

*Part of the Esprit de Loire portfolio*

# **NOUVEL ESPRIT** *Coteaux d'Ancenis* *Rouge – 2018* *No added sulfites*

*Fresh and fruity*

## « **NOUVEL ESPRIT, A NEW STYLE OF WINEGROWING REVEALING THE VINEYARD AT ITS BEST** »

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### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety:** Gamay  
**Soils / Terroirs :** The schist soils enhance drainage, thereby naturally regulating heavy rainfall.  
**Vinification details :** Winemaking without sulfites and with controlled temperatures, allows the Gamay variety to fully express its aromatic potential. Surprisingly fruity, the wine will maintain its crisp aromas for several years.  
**Maturing period:** 5 months

### **THE VINEYARD**

The vineyard is situated south and north of Ancenis, on the historic border between Brittany and Anjou, where two terroirs meet. The Muscadet terroir is located on the western side with mild temperatures at the beginning of the springtime, and regular rainfall throughout the year. The Anjou terroir is found on the western side, and registers higher temperatures during the summertime. Facing south, the 15-year old parcels of Gamay are made up of gravelly soils with layers of schist further down. Within this zone, the variety fully expresses its fruity characteristics. It is the emblematic variety of the Coteaux d'Ancenis appellation.

### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Intense garnet-red color.

#### **AROMAS**

Powerful with red and black berries (strawberry, black currant, black berry).

#### **ON THE PALATE**

Attack underscored by crispness, followed by a full bodied fruity palate, and fruit on the finish.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Charcuterie, grilled meat, and white meat.

Serving temperature :  
16°C

Potential for ageing :  
4 years



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## **NOUVEL ESPRIT**

*Muscadet Coteaux de la Loire sur lie*

*Blanc – 2018*

*No added sulfites*

*Fruity and round*

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### **DU VIGNOBLE À LA CAVE**

**Cépage:** Melon B.

**Sols / Terroirs:** The vines were planted on the slopes of Drain, a district in Maine-et-Loire on the Loire's southern right bank. The subsoil is made up of metamorphic rocks whereas the soils contain gravel and sand.

**Type de vinification et particularités :** Winemaking without sulfites and the use of a malo-lactic fermentation have produced an original Muscadet, different from the lively and crisp style of traditional Muscadets. The absence of sulfites is going to allow this Muscadet to ripen as it ages, evolving from fresh fruit to stewed fruit.

**Temps d'élevage:** 7 mois.

### **SAVOIR-FAIRE**

At the heart of the vineyard, the rich local biodiversity boasting many species expresses itself throughout the year. After picking the vintage's fruit, the harvest is protected in view of avoiding the proliferation of unwanted bacteria and yeast. We use bioprotection measures rather than sulfites - this consists of using yeasts instead.

### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Pale yellow, slightly golden tints.

#### **AROMAS**

Powerful, evoking caramel and apple.

#### **ON THE PALATE**

Round, dominated by caramel, well coated finish.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Seafood, white meat and cheese.

Température de service :  
12 degrés

Potential for ageing :  
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## **NOUVEL ESPRIT**

*Chenin*

*White— 2018*

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### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety:** Chenin

**Soils / Terroirs :** Facing east, the parcel is situated along the Thouet, a small river crossing Montreuil Bellay and flowing into the Loire. The clay soil supplies the vineyard with enough water throughout the summertime.

**Vinification details :** The absence of sulfites is going to allow this Chenin to reveal its full range of aromas as it "ripens" during the entire bottle ageing period. Its fruity notes are fresh, then stewed and finally dried.

**Maturing period:** 4 months

### **EXPERTISE**

At Domaine des Dames de la Vallée, we cultivate the vine by taking into account the local environment and special features of each parcel. This 105-ha estate is situated in two districts, 10 kilometers away from one another - Puy Notre Dame to the west and Montreuil Bellay to the east - both of which have two types of fairly distinct soils. The first area is made up of a chalky-clay soil that produces well balanced wines, whereas the second one comprises a gravelly and tuffeau stone soil that provides complexity. This wine without sulfites is obtained thanks to an innovative harvesting procedure based upon the bio-protection of the harvest rather than the use of sulfites. Bio-protection involves the conservation of the harvest through the use of several types of micro-organisms to prevent the development of bacteria or undesirable yeast.

### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Pale yellow with golden tints.

#### **AROMAS**

Dried apricots on the finish.

#### **ON THE PALATE**

White fleshed fruit aromas. Lively and refreshing attack. Good length on the palate.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Ideal with seafood, saucy fish dishes, poultry or even cheese.

Serving temperature:  
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Potential for ageing:  
4 years



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*Light and Supple*

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### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety:** Cabernet Franc

**Vinification details :** The house's oenologists have taken great care in the elaboration of this product to provide you with a supple and light wine without sulfites. Following a short 8-day maceration to extract color and aromas, the winemaking is carried out at a controlled temperature. To avoid the risk of oxidation, our oenologists use a neutral gas and implement biocontrol measures. This innovative technique limits the development of bad yeast that could alter the wine as it has not been protected with sulfites. As a result, its crispness and fruity aromas have been conserved.

### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Intense red.

#### **AROMAS**

Powerful with stewed fruit notes and spices, as well as black currant and black berry aromas.

#### **ON THE PALATE**

Elegant and velvety underscored by black berry notes.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Meat, duck and lamb.

Serving temperature :  
14 to 16 °C

Potential for ageing :  
6 years



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**NOUVEL ESPRIT**  
*Cabernet Franc - Grolleau*  
*Rosé – 2018*  
*No added sulfites*

*Fresh and Fruity*

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**VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety:** Cabernet Franc, Grolleau

**Vinification details:** The house's oenologists have taken great care in the elaboration of this product to provide you with a crisp and fruity wine without sulfites. This rosé is obtained by direct pressing with a selection of juice from the heart of the press to bring about complexity. To avoid the risk of oxidation, our oenologists use a neutral gas and implement biocontrol. This innovative technique limits the development of bad yeast that could alter the wine as it has not been protected with sulfites. As a result, its crispness and fruity aromas have been conserved.



**TASTING NOTES**

**COLOR**   
Bright pink.

**AROMAS** 

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

**ON THE PALATE** 

Nice crispness and good balance with notes of grapefruit.

**FOOD PAIRING**

Summertime salad, grilled meat, and charcuterie

Serving temperature:  
8 to 10 °C

Potential for ageing:  
2 years



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## MUSCADET SÈVRE ET MAINE SUR LIE

### *Au Fil de la Loire*

### *White – 2018*

*Fresh and Fruity*

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Crisp and round, this lee-aged Muscadet Sèvre et Maine is typical of the appellation.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Melon B.

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists select the best vats and carefully elaborate them into wines. The fermentation stage, which lasts 3 to 4 weeks, is carried out at a controlled temperature to conserve the harvest's fruity flavours and freshness. Ageing on fine lees for at least 7 months brings about complexity. During this stage the deposits are stirred on a regular basis over a period of 3 months to obtain roundness and sweetness.

**Maturing period :** At least 7 months on lees.

#### TASTING NOTES

##### COLOR

Yellow with green tints.

##### AROMAS

Intense, underscored by floral and fruity notes.

##### ON THE PALATE

Generous, evoking crisp and round features.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal as an aperitif or with seafood, grilled fish or grilled king prawns

Serving temperature :  
10 to 12°C

Potential for ageing :  
3 years



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## **GROS PLANT SUR LIE** *Au Fil de la Loire* *White – 2018*

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Fresh and fruity, this lee-aged Gros Plant is typical of the appellation.

### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Folle Blanche

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists select the best vats and carefully elaborate them into wines. The fermentation stage, which lasts 3 to 4 weeks, is carried out at a controlled temperature to conserve the harvest's fruity flavours and freshness. Ageing on fine lees for at least 7 months brings about complexity. During this stage the deposits are stirred on a regular basis over a period of 3 months to obtain roundness and sweetness.

**Maturing period :** At least 7 months on lees.

### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR

Limpid with green tints.

#### AROMAS

Crisp with lemony and saline notes.

#### ON THE PALATE

Impressive freshness, tonic with lemony notes.

### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with oysters and other seafood.

Serving temperature :  
10 to 12°C

Potential for ageing :  
3 years



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# CABERNET D'ANJOU

## *Au Fil de la Loire*

### *Rosé – 2018*

*Tasty and Fruity*

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Boasting red berry and citrus notes, this Cabernet d'Anjou fully expresses its full potential.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Cabernet Franc

**Terroir :** Anjou Noir and Anjou Blanc

**Vinification details :** The fermentation is undertaken at a low temperature in thermoregulated vats. Our oenologists use neutral gas to protect the wine from oxidation, thereby limiting the use of sulfites. As a result, the harvest's crisp and fruity features are maintained. The fermentation is stopped before the end of the procedure to conserve the residual sugars and to produce a flavorsome and fruity rosé.

**Maturing period :** 3 to 6 months



#### TASTING NOTES

##### COLOR

Pale pink

##### AROMAS

Strawberry and raspberry aromas with a hint of citrus fruit.

##### ON THE PALATE

Round attack underscored by sweetness. Long and expressive finish with fruity notes.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with spicy or Asian cuisine or even red berry desserts like raspberry.

Serving temperature :  
6 to 8°C

Potential for ageing :  
2 years



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## **SAUMUR CHAMPIGNY** *Au Fil de la Loire* *Red – 2018*

*Profound and Fruity*

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This Saumur Champigny expresses the appellation's typical crisp and round characteristics.

### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Cabernet Franc

**Vinification details :** To obtain a deep and fruity offering, our oenologists carefully extract the harvest's aromas and oversee the wine's fermentation. In addition to a cold pre-fermentation maceration, regular pumping over and final rackings are carried out to extract aromas and color from the harvest. During the fermentation phase, the temperature is maintained between 22 and 27°C to conserve light and fruity features. Last but not least, ageing in stainless steel vats on lees promotes the development of aromas and preserves the wine's fruitiness.

**Maturing period :** 8 months on lees.



### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR

Lively and dark with ruby tints.

#### AROMAS

Robust with red and black berry notes.

#### ON THE PALACE

Strong with coated tannins.

### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with red meat, game or even cheese.

Serving temperature :  
16°C

Potential for ageing :  
6 years



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## **TOURAINÉ** *Au Fil de la Loire* *White – 2018*

*Aromatic and Persistent*

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Boasting tropical and well ripened fruit aromas, this Touraine is true to type.

### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Sauvignon blanc

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. It is fermented at a low temperature in thermoregulated vats. The temperature is maintained between 16 and 18°C to promote the development of the Sauvignon's delicate aromas and to conserve the fresh and fruity nature of the harvest. Ageing for 6 to 10 months in stainless steel vats, in view of obtaining a stable and well balanced wine.

**Maturing period :** 6 to 10 months



### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR

Pale yellow.

#### AROMAS

Expressive with well ripened fruity notes, like kiwi and passion fruit.

#### ON THE PALATE

Tropical fruit comes to the fore, with plenty of volume.

### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with fish, fresh goat's cheese or even fruit salad. .

Serving temperature :  
10°C

Potential for ageing :  
2 years



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# CHINON

## *Au Fil de la Loire*

### *Red – 2015*

*Robust and Frank*

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Boasting red and black berry aromas, this Chinon is true to type.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Cabernet Franc

**Vinification details :** Cabernet Franc, the Loire Valley's finest grape variety, benefits in this case from the entire expertise of our oenologists, and fully expresses its fruity and spicy aromas. Provided by the harvest and the fermentation stage, the aromas are enhanced thanks to the control of temperatures in thermoregulated vats. Last of all, daily pumping over ensures the extraction of the harvest's aromas and colors, as well as offering structure to the wine.

**Maturing period :** 18 months



#### TASTING NOTES

##### COLOR

Garnet red.

##### AROMAS

Notes of red and black berries.

##### ON THE PALATE

Well structured and intense, underscored by fruit and spices. Plenty of length on the palate.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal as an aperitif or with exotic dishes, summertime meals, and nouvelle cuisine.

Serving temperature :  
16°C

Potential for ageing :  
5 years



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## **SAINT NICOLAS DE BOURGUEIL** *Au Fil de la Loire* *Red – 2018*

*Tender and Fruity*

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This Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil expresses the appellation's typical crisp and fruity characteristics.

### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Cabernet Franc

**Vinification details :** Traditional maceration of the entirely destemmed harvest, in view of extracting the fruit's aromas and colors. Classic alcoholic fermentation for a period of 12 to 15 days, followed by a malo-lactic fermentation. This special fermentation develops new aromas and produces a round and supple wine. Last but not least, maturing in stainless steel vats favors the development of aromas and conserves the wine's fruitiness.

**Maturing period :** 6 to 10 months



### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR

Attractive dark red color with purple tints.

#### AROMAS

Frank and strong with crisp fruity notes and a hint of spice.

#### ON THE PALATE

Round attack unveiling refined and velvety tannins. Pleasant aromatic strength.

### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with charcuterie, barbecues, white meat, or even goat's cheese.

Serving temperature :  
16°C

Potential for ageing :  
4 years



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## **CHENIN** *Vin de France* *White – 2018*

*Balanced and Fruity*

### « THIS IS A WELL-BALANCED, FRUITY CHENIN WITH PLENTY OF VIVACITY »

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The Loire Valley's cool climate and types of soil enhance this grape variety. The land's characteristics strongly impregnate Chenin Blanc: the clay earth produces rich and full-bodied wines, whereas chalk and limestone provide vibrant and crisp wines with good acidity. This product exhales aromas of well ripened citrus and tropical fruit, as well as the variety's typical vivacity.

### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety :** Chenin

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. The must obtained from pressing was left for a fortnight at a low temperature with deposits (skin, pips and stalks) to bring out aromas and roundness. After settling (elimination of deposits), the fermentation was carried out at a fairly high temperature (18/19°C) to reveal this variety's typical tropical fruit notes. Ageing on lees provided fat and roundness.

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

### **THE VINEYARD**

These vines thrive in the southern part of Saumur, next to Vaudelnay. Planted in limestone clay soils, they benefit from optimal ripening conditions. A guarantee of quality, the structure and porosity of the chalky tuffeau subsoil provides the vineyard with a moderate and regular supply of water. Its roots make their way deep down into the earth, thereby absorbing the moisture and minerals required for their growth. The chalky clay parcels produce a well balanced wine, that can be fully matured all the while maintaining good acidity.

### **TASTING NOTES**

**COLOR**   
Pale yellow

**AROMAS**   
Expressive with citrus notes (grape fruit and lime).

**ON THE PALATE**   
Lively and well balanced with aromas of tropical fruit.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Ideal with seafood, saucy fish dishes, poultry or even cheese.

Serving temperature:  
8 to 10°C

Potential for ageing :  
3 years



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# CHARDONNAY

## *Vin de France*

### *White – 2018*

*Strong and Fruity*

#### «THIS IS A FULL BODIED CHARDONNAY BOASTING HEAPS OF FRUIT »

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#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Chardonnay

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. It was fermented at a low temperature in thermoregulated vats. The temperature was maintained between 16 and 18°C to promote the development of the Chardonnay's delicate aromas and to conserve the fresh and fruity nature of the harvest. It was aged for 6 to 10 months in stainless steel vats, in view of obtaining a stable and well balanced wine.

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

#### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Intense yellow.

**AROMAS**   
Well ripened and tropical fruit (mango, passion fruit).

**ON THE PALATE**   
Round, coated and strong.  
Tropical fruit (mango, passion fruit) and fermentation aromas (banana, pear)

#### FOOD PAIRING

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

Serving temperature:  
8 à 10°C

Potential for ageing :  
3 years



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## **SAUVIGNON** *Vin de France* *White – 2018*

*Strong and Aromatique*

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### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety :** Sauvignon


**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. It was fermented at a low temperature in thermoregulated vats. The temperature was maintained between 16 and 18°C to promote the development of the Sauvignon's delicate aromas and to conserve the fresh and fruity nature of the harvest. It was aged for 6 to 10 months in stainless steel vats, in view of obtaining a stable and well balanced wine. Neutral gas protected the wine from oxidation and limited the use of sulfites. As a result, its crisp and fruity features were preserved.

**Maturing period :** 6 months on lees



### **TASTING NOTES**

**COLOR**   
Pale yellow

**AROMAS**   
Intense notes of boxwood and broom.

**ON THE PALTE**   
Aromatic (tropical fruit, boxwood and broom), crisp and sweet.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Ideal with seafood, shellfood, charcuterie or even goat's cheese

Serving temperature:  
8 à 10°C

Potential for ageing:  
2 years



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## **CABERNET FRANC** *Vin de France* *Rouge – 2018*

*Strong and Fruity*

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This Cabernet Franc fully expresses red and black berries.

### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety :** Cabernet Franc

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. The harvest was extremely well ripened. The 2018 vintage was exceptional: very hot and sunny with fine weather in autumn.

**Maturing period :** At least 6 months.



### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Strong red violet color.

#### **AROMAS**

Red and black berry notes with good maturity.

#### **ON THE PALATE**

Supple attack on the palate with progressive strength and a fruity finish with supple tannins.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Ideal with grilled meat, kebabs, charcuterie or even cheese.

Serving temperature :  
14 to 16°C

Potential for ageing :  
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*Refined and Elegant*

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This highly expressive Cabernet Franc boasts red berry and citrus fruit notes.

### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety :** Cabernet Franc

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. As most of a wine's aromas are contained in grape skins, the fruit was macerated for a couple of hours to extract maximum flavor. The wine's fermentation took place at a temperature between 15 and 18°C to fully reveal the expression of citrus fruit and red berry notes. It was aged on lees for a period of 2 to 4 months to obtain complexity and roundness.

**Maturing period :** 2 to 4 months on lees



### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Pale pink

#### **AROMAS**

Complex with notes of citrus fruit and red berries.

#### **ON THE PALATE**

Fresh and elegant, with a fruity finish.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Ideal as an aperitif or with salads and charcuterie.

Serving temperature :  
6 to 8°C

Potential for ageing :  
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## **PINEAU D'AUNIS** *Vin de France* *Rosé – 2018*

*Fresh and Spicy*

### « A FINE EXAMPLE OF THIS HIGHLY EXPRESSIVE GRAPE VARIETY »

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This highly expressive Pineau d'Aunis boasts red berry and peppery notes.

### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety :** Pineau d'Aunis

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. Bio-protection systems were implemented to protect the grapes when harvesting to avoid the use of sulfites. In addition to low temperature fermentations in thermoregulated vats, neutral gas protected the wine from oxidation and limited the use of sulfites. As a result, the wine's crisp and fruity features were preserved.

**Maturing period :** 6 months on lees



### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Bright red pink color.

#### **AROMAS**

Intense with notes of red berries and pepper.

#### **ON THE PALATE**

Fresh and elegant, nice fruity finish.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Ideal as an aperitif or with salads and charcuterie.

Serving temperature:  
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Potential for ageing :  
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## MUSCADET SÈVRE ET MAINE SUR LIE

*Bio*  
*White— 2018*

*Fresh and fruity*

### « ORGANIC GROWING IN VIEW OF RESPECTING THE TASTE OF THE TERROIR »

In order to protect the wine's standard of quality and the expression of the terroir, the vine is grown organically and our winemakers intervene as little as possible. Consumers can enjoy a crisp and fruity organic Muscadet Sèvre et Maine on lees thanks to their expertise.

### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Melon B,

**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. The wine is protected from the effects of oxygen to conserve its fresh and fruity features.

**Maturing period:** 4 months



### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR

Pale with yellow glints.

#### AROMAS

Crisp with notes of yellow fruit.

#### ON THE PALATE

Good structure and plenty of balance.

### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with fish in sauce and seafood.

Serving temperature:  
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Potential for ageing:  
3 years



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## **CABERNET D'ANJOU** *En cours de conversion Biologique* *Rosé – 2018*

*Fresh et fruity*

### « **CONVERSION TO ORGANIC VINEGROWING IN VIEW OF RESPECTING THE TASTE OF THE TERROIR** »

Planted on hillsides, the vines of Cabernet d'Anjou are well exposed and well ventilated. They benefit from the best possible conditions during the ripening phase. The slopes provide a moderate water supply, thereby promoting the growth of deep roots - a guarantee of quality. In addition, the terroir is perfectly adapted to the production of powerful wines that age well.

Concerned about maintaining the quality and expression of this fabulous terroir, the vines are on average 28 years old, and are being converted over to organic growing.

### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety:** Cabernet Franc

**Soils/Terroirs:** Schistes

**Vinification details :** Cabernet Franc, the Loire Valley's king grape variety, benefits from all of the expertise of our winemakers and fully expresses red berry aromas. The control of temperatures during the fermentation phase favors the development of aromas and produces a crisp and fruity wine.

**Maturing period:** 4 months

### **THE VINEYARD**

This vineyard of Cabernet d'Anjou is situated in Saint Lambert du Lattay, across from the hamlet of Chaume, north of Layan. Planted on a single piece of land, the vines touch one another, and are spaced out along a surface area of 1 km in length and 400 meters in width.

This vineyard is currently in its 3rd year of conversion over to organic growing.

### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Strong pink color.

#### **AROMAS**

Fruity with crushed raspberry and red berry notes.

#### **ON THE PALATE**

Good structure and roundness on the palate with pleasant ripeness.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Great as an aperitif or with fruit desserts.

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Potential for ageing :  
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# ANJOU ROUGE

## *En cours de conversion bio*

### *Red – 2017*

*Intense and well-structured*

#### « CONVERSION TO ORGANIC VINEGROWING IN VIEW OF RESPECTING THE TASTE OF THE TERROIR »

As we are concerned about preserving the terroir and the local biodiversity, steps have been taken to convert the vineyard to organic growing over the past three years. 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. Our oenologists pay special attention to the production of the Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes that fully express red berries and licorice, thereby producing an intense and well-structured wine.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety** : Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon

**Soils/Terroirs**: schistes

**Vinification details** : The house's oenologists have taken great care in the extraction and the fermentation of this product to provide you with an intense and well-structured wine. During a 25-day maceration at 22°C, the use of bubbling compressed air - in view of deeply submerging the marc - extracts aromas, color and tannins. This gentle technique respects not only the harvest, but also supplies the oxygen required by the yeast during the fermentation stage and reduces the risk of reduction. Moreover, 30% of the blend is matured in barrels to bring about complexity.

#### THE VINEYARD

Situated in the district of Saint Lambert du Lattay and on slopes, the Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon vines are well exposed and ventilated. They benefit from ideal ripening conditions. These slopes favor water drainage by providing a moderate amount of water to the vineyard, leading to the growth of deep roots. In addition, this terroir is perfectly adapted to the production of a wine with character and ageing ability.

**This vineyard is in its third year of conversion over to organic winegrowing.**

#### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Dark red color.

**AROMAS**   
Dark red color. Fragrant with notes of licorice, red and black berries like strawberries, black currant.

**ON THE PALATE**   
Pleasant well structured and persistent finish. Ideal with red meat such as barbecued T-bone steak.

#### FOOD PAIRING

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Serving temperature:  
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# CABERNET D'ANJOU

## Les 4 Saisons - HVE

### Rosé – 2018



*Fresh and fruity*

**« WITH THE GREATEST RESPECT FOR THE TERROIR AND THE ENVIRONMENT »**

As we are concerned about preserving the environment and biodiversity, the vineyard of this Cabernet d'Anjou has obtained level 3 High Value Environmental Certification. We promote the presence of vegetation like thickets, hedges or even banks. This environment is the home of insects, birds and reptiles, all of which exterminate many vineyard pests. As a result, the natural harmony of the entire vineyard is preserved.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Cabernet Franc  
**Soils / Terroirs :** Chalky clay, gravelly soil and tuffeau stone  
**Vinification details :** Facing southwest along a geological formation (called Cerisaie), this parcel is reputed for its excellent terroir. Its limestone clay soil is made up of green and white chalk. The ripening of the grapes and the development of natural sugar resulted from an especially hot year. Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine to obtain a well-balanced rosé. Hence, this Cabernet d'Anjou fully expresses freshness and fruity notes.

#### THE VINEYARD

The vineyard is situated in two districts, 10 kilometers from one another, Puy Notre Dame on the west side and Montreuil Bellay on the east side with two fairly distinct types of soil. The former is located in a chalky clay soil producing well-balanced wines, whereas the latter is made up of gravelly soil and tuffeau stone, bringing about complexity. Special attention is paid to the biodiversity in view of conserving the various species as much as possible. Level 3 High Environmental Certification highlights our environmentally friendly practices. We are entirely familiar with the local environment, offering precise and specific vinegrowing characteristics, depending upon each parcel.

#### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Salmon pink.

**AROMAS**   
Fragrant with highly intense aromas of citrus fruit and red berries.

**ON THE PALATE**   
Round and tasty underscored by notes of red berries and fruit drops.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Charcuterie, small pastry puffs, barbecue.

Serving temperature:  
8 to 10 °C

Potential for ageing:  
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## **SAUMUR** *White – 2018*

*Dry and Fruity*

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### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety:** Chenin  
**Soils / Terroirs :** District of Montreuil Bellay and Puy de Notre Dame. Limestone soils.  
**Vinification details :** To provide you with a dry and fruity wine, the house's oenologists have taken great care in the elaboration of this product. The 2018 vintage is characterized by fully ripened fruit. After a slight maceration, favoring the extraction of aromas, this wine is matured on lees to obtain fat and volume. In addition, carefully selected grapes, well mastered winemaking techniques and neutral gas help to limit the use of sulphur.  
**Maturing period :** 5 months.

### **THE VINEYARD**

Situated in the districts of Montreuil Bellay and Puy-Notre-Dame, the vines face southeast and are planted on the plateau of the valley of the Thouet river, where they benefit from a microclimate well adapted to vinegrowing. The soils are humid during the wintertime, but are very hot and dry in the summertime, thereby favoring the growth and ripening of the fruit. In addition, the local hedges, woods and ditches are home to insects, birds and reptiles, which are natural predators of vineyard pests.

### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Pale yellow with slightly golden tints.

#### **AROMAS**

Fruity with notes of apple, lemon marmalade and dried fruit.

#### **ON THE PALATE**

Lively and crisp palate, with plenty of concentration.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Fish, cheese, quiche and risotto

Serving temperature :  
8 to 10 °C

Potential for ageing :  
4 years



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## **VOUVRAY** *White – 2018*

*Fruity and Generous*

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### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety:** Chenin

**Vinification details :** Special attention has been paid to the quality of the grapes and the selection of an ideal parcel for the production of over-ripened Chenin. After a slight maceration in view of extracting aromas, perfectly mastered winemaking produces a well balanced wine in terms of sugar and acidity. Chenin has been offered the possibility of fully expressing its fruity aromas and generosity. Gradual maturing on fine lees over a period of 6 months has produced a wine with impressive complexity, pleasant roundness and good ageing potential.

**Maturing period :** 6 to 10 months on lees

### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Pale yellow with slightly golden tints.

#### **AROMAS**

Fruity with notes of apple, lemon marmalade and dried fruit.

#### **ON THE PALATE**

Intense and fruity with good roundness. Nice balance halfway between fat and acidity.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

As an aperitif or with seafood or grilled fish.

Serving temperature:  
8 to 10 °C

Potential for ageing:  
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## **MENETOU SALON**

*White – 2018*

*Fresh and Fruity*

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### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety:** Sauvignon

**Vinification details :** The house's oenologists have taken great care in the elaboration of this product. The juice is selected and transformed in thermoregulated stainless steel vats to produce a fat, fruity and expressive offering. The temperatures are mastered in view of extracting the wine's aromas. As a result, Sauvignon can fully express its typical notes of well ripened fruit, impressive richness and good ageing potential.

**Maturing period :** 5 months.

### **TASTING NOTES**

**COLOR** 

Yellow with green tints.

**AROMAS** 

Intense aromas of citrus fruit and tropical fruit.

**ON THE PALATE** 

Frank attack, good minerality and lengthy aromas.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

As an aperitif, with mixed salads, white meat or with desserts.

Serving temperature :  
8 to 10 °C

Potential for ageing :  
4 years



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## **CHENIN** *Privilège* *White – 2018*

*Balanced and fruity*

### « THIS IS A WELL-BALANCED, FRUITY CHENIN WITH PLENTY OF VIVACITY »

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The Loire Valley's cool climate and types of soil enhance this grape variety. The land's characteristics strongly impregnate Chenin Blanc: the clay earth produces rich and full-bodied wines, whereas chalk and limestone provide vibrant and crisp wines with good acidity. This product exhales aromas of well ripened citrus and tropical fruit, as well as the variety's typical vivacity.

### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety :** Chenin

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. The must obtained from pressing was left for a fortnight at a low temperature with deposits (skin, pips and stalks) to bring out aromas and roundness. After settling (elimination of deposits), the fermentation was carried out at a fairly high temperature (18/19°C) to reveal this variety's typical tropical fruit notes. Ageing on lees provided fat and roundness.

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

### **THE VINEYARD**

These vines thrive in the southern part of Saumur, next to Vaudelnay. Planted in limestone clay soils, they benefit from optimal ripening conditions. A guarantee of quality, the structure and porosity of the chalky tuffeau subsoil provides the vineyard with a moderate and regular supply of water. Its roots make their way deep down into the earth, thereby absorbing the moisture and minerals required for their growth. The chalky clay parcels produce a well balanced wine, that can be fully matured all the while maintaining good acidity.

### **TASTING NOTES**

**COLOR**   
Pale yellow

**AROMAS**   
Expressive with citrus notes (grape fruit and lime).

**ON THE PALATE**   
Lively and well balanced with aromas of tropical fruit.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Ideal with seafood, saucy fish dishes, poultry or even cheese.

Serving temperature:  
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Potential for ageing :  
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## **CHARDONNAY** *Privilège* *White – 2018*

*Strong and Fruity*

### «THIS IS A FULL BODIED CHARDONNAY BOASTING HEAPS OF FRUIT »

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### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Chardonnay

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. It was fermented at a low temperature in thermoregulated vats. The temperature was maintained between 16 and 18°C to promote the development of the Chardonnay's delicate aromas and to conserve the fresh and fruity nature of the harvest. It was aged for 6 to 10 months in stainless steel vats, in view of obtaining a stable and well balanced wine.

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



### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Intense yellow.

**AROMAS**   
Well ripened and tropical fruit  
(mango, passion fruit).

**ON THE PALATE**   
Round, coated and strong.  
Tropical fruit (mango, passion fruit)  
and fermentation aromas (banana,  
pear)

### FOOD PAIRING

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

Serving temperature:  
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Potential for ageing :  
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*Strong and Aromatique*

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This Sauvignon exhales typical varietal aromas (boxwood and broom) as well as characteristic freshness.

### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Sauvignon

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. It was fermented at a low temperature in thermoregulated vats. The temperature was maintained between 16 and 18°C to promote the development of the Sauvignon's delicate aromas and to conserve the fresh and fruity nature of the harvest. It was aged for 6 to 10 months in stainless steel vats, in view of obtaining a stable and well balanced wine. Neutral gas protected the wine from oxidation and limited the use of sulfites. As a result, its crisp and fruity features were preserved.

**Maturing period :** 6 months on lees



### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR

Pale yellow

#### AROMAS

Intense vegetal notes.

#### ON THE PALTE

Aromatic (tropical fruit, vegetal notes), crisp and sweet.

### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with seafood, shellfood, charcuterie or even goat's cheese

Serving temperature :  
8 à 10°C

Potential for ageing :  
2 years



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## **CABERNET FRANC** *Privilège* *Rosé – 2018*

*Refined and Elegant*

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This highly expressive Cabernet Franc boasts red berry and citrus fruit notes.

### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety :** Cabernet Franc

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. As most of a wine's aromas are contained in grape skins, the fruit was macerated for a couple of hours to extract maximum flavor. The wine's fermentation took place at a temperature between 15 and 18°C to fully reveal the expression of citrus fruit and red berry notes. It was aged on lees for a period of 2 to 4 months to obtain complexity and roundness.

**Maturing period :** 2 to 4 months on lees



### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Pale pink



#### **AROMAS**

Complex with notes of citrus fruit and red berries.



#### **ON THE PALATE**

Fresh and elegant, with a fruity finish.



### **FOOD PAIRING**

Ideal as an aperitif or with salads and charcuterie.

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Potential for ageing :  
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## **PINEAU D'AUNIS** *Privilège* *Rosé – 2018*

*Fresh and Spicy*

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This highly expressive Pineau d'Aunis boasts red berry and peppery notes.

### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Pineau d'Aunis

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. Bio-protection systems were implemented to protect the grapes when harvesting to avoid the use of sulfites. In addition to low temperature fermentations in thermoregulated vats, neutral gas protected the wine from oxidation and limited the use of sulfites. As a result, the wine's crisp and fruity features were preserved.

**Maturing period :** 6 months on lees



### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Bright red pink color.

**AROMAS**   
Intense with notes of red berries and pepper.

**ON THE PALATE**   
Fresh and elegant, nice fruity finish.

### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal as an aperitif or with salads and charcuterie.

Serving temperature:  
6 to 8°C

Potential for ageing :  
2 years



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## **MERLOT** *Privilège* *Red – 2018*

*Full-bodied and fruity*

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### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Merlot

**Vinification details :** To obtain a deep and fruity offering, our oenologists carefully extract the harvest's aromas and oversee the wine's fermentation. Following a maceration within a vat to extract tannins and aromas, a third of the blend was made through thermovinification. The harvest was heated to a high temperature to extract the aromas and pigmentations. As a result, the wine is suppler, rounder and more aromatic.



### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR

Intense red ruby color.

#### AROMAS

Fruity with cherry, black currant and black berry notes.

#### ON THE PALATE

Expressive with red and black berry aromas. Round with coated tannins.

### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with red meat, game, charcuterie or even cheese

Serving temperature:  
14 to 16°C

Potential for ageing:  
4 years



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## **PINOT NOIR** *Privilège* *Red – 2016*

*Subtle and Elegant*

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### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety :** Pinot Noir

**Vinification details :** To provide you with a subtle and elegant wine, our oenologists skillfully extracted aromas and colors, and carried out the fermentation with great care. After being macerated in vats to extract tannins, aromas and colors, a third of the blend was made through thermovinification. The harvest was heated at a high temperature to favor the extraction of the harvest's aromas and colored compounds. As a result, the wine is suppler, rounder and more aromatic.



### **TASTING NOTES**

**COLOR** 

Red with amber tints.

**AROMAS** 

Well ripened and stewed fruit aromas.

**ON THE PALATE** 

Supple, slightly acidulated with an impressive finish. Discrete and supple tannins. Aromas of stewed fruit (cherry liqueur).

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Ideal with grilled meat, white meat, cheese, or fruit based desserts.

Serving temperature :  
12 to 14°C

Potential for ageing :  
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## **ROSÉ** *Vin de France* *Rosé – 2017*

*Tender and fruity*

### « A BLEND OF TWO ILLUSTRIOUS GRAPES : CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND CHENIN »

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For this Rosé, we have decided to blend well-known Cabernet Sauvignon and Chenin, in view of providing you with a unique tasting experience.

### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon, Chenin

**Winemaking :** The Cabernet Sauvignon and Chenin grapes are picked and pressed together. The Cabernet Sauvignon is harvested when not quite fully ripened in view of conserving the fruit's vivacity and typical flavors (red berries and raspberry). The Chenin is picked when entirely matured to produce a wine with roundness, volume and rich notes.

**Maturing period :** 8 months on lees.



### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR

Very pale pink color.

#### AROMAS

Typical Chenin style (grape fruit, citrus fruit).

#### ON THE PALATE

Good vivacity and roundness, recalling the fat of Chenin and the vivacity of Cabernet Sauvignon. A slight hint of bitterness.

### FOOD PAIRING

Perfect as an aperitif, with exotic dishes, summertime meals or new cuisine.

Serving temperature:  
7 à 8°C



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## **SAUVIGNON** *Vin de France* *White – 2017*

*Powerful and aromatic*

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### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Sauvignon

**Winemaking :** Fermentation is carried out at a controlled temperature (16/17°C) with special precaution during the entire winemaking procedure: protection against oxygen, in view of conserving the grape variety's typical notes. This wine is not matured in vats, to maintain its typical aromas and freshness.



### **TASTING NOTES**

**COLOR**   
Pale yellow.

**AROMAS**   
Fragrant boxwood and broom.

**ON THE PALATE**   
Tasty (tropical fruit, broom) and fresh, with sweetness.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Seafood, shellfood, charcuterie, goat's cheese.

Serving temperature :  
8 à 10°C

Potential for ageing :  
2 years



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# CHARDONNAY

## *Vin de France*

### *White – 2017*

*Strong and fruity*

#### «A POWERFUL CHARDONNAY UNDERScoreD BY FRUIT»

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A powerful Chardonnay underscored by fruit

This Chardonnay expresses very nice tropical fruit aromas, as well as typical roundness on the palate, a feature that has made this variety famous.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Chardonnay

**Winemaking :** Fully ripened grapes are made into wine at a low temperature in view of respecting the characteristics of the variety.



#### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Intense yellow.

**AROMAS**   
Well ripened aromas, evoking tropical fruit (mango, passion fruit).

**ON THE PALATE**   
Round, wrapped, and powerful. Aromas of tropical fruit (mango, passion fruit) and fermentation aromas (banana, pear).

#### FOOD PAIRING

As an aperitif, with sea food, fish or poultry.

Serving temperature:  
8 à 10°C

Potential for ageing:  
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# CHENIN

## *Vin de France*

### *Dry White— 2017*

*Balanced and fruity*

#### « A WELL BALANCED AND FRUITY CHENIN, BOASTING HEAPS OF VIVACITY »

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The Loire's cool climate and its different soils magnify this grape variety. Chenin Blanc is strongly impregnated by the vineyard's terroir. The clay earth produces rich and textured wines, whereas chalk and limestone produce vibrant and fresh offerings with good acidity. This Chenin boasts citrus and tropical fruit aromas with well ripened notes, as well as vivacity that is typical of the grape variety.

#### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Chenin

**Winemaking :** The winemaking procedures are minimalist to protect the Chenin from oxidation in view of preserving the variety's aromas. Just after pressing and before fermentation, cold soak is undertaken between 7 and 10 days to extract aromas and roundness. After settling, the must ferments at a fairly high temperature (18/19°C) to reveal Chenin's notes of tropical fruit, called thiolated aromas. The wine is then matured on lees, thereby providing fat and roundness.

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



#### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Pale yellow.

**AROMAS**   
Citrus fruit, grapefruit and lime.

**ON THE PALATE**   
Well balanced and lively with aromas of tropical fruit.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Seafood, saucy fish dishes, poultry, and cheese.

Serving temperature :  
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Potential for ageing :  
3 years



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## **MERLOT** *Vin de France* *Red – 2017*

*Powerful and fruity*

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### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Merlot

**Winemaking :** Following the harvest, the grapes are macerated in vats in view of obtaining tannins and fruity notes. A third of the blend undergoes thermovinification: the grapes are heated to fully extract their aromas.



### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Intense red ruby color.

#### **AROMAS**

Fruity, evoking cherry, black currant and black berry.

#### **ON THE PALATE**

Very powerful, and coated with supple tannins. Red and black berry aromas.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Red meat, game, charcuterie, cheese.

Serving temperature :  
14 à 16°C

Potential for ageing :  
4 years



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## **PINOT NOIR** *Vin de France* *Red – 2016*

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### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety :** Pinot Noir

**Winemaking :** Following the harvest, the grapes are macerated in vats to release their aromas. Part of the blend undergoes thermo-vinification: the fruit is heated to fully extract its qualities. The wine is then matured in oak and bottled.



### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Red with orange-brown tints.

#### **AROMAS**

Aromas of well ripened and stewed fruit.

#### **ON THE PALATE**

Supple, slightly acidulated with a nice finish. Discrete and soft tannins. Aromas of stewed fruit (cherry liquor).

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Grilled meat, white meat, cheese and red berry desserts.

Serving temperature :  
12 à 14°C

Potential for ageing :  
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## **PINEAU D'AUNIS** *Vin de France* *Rose – 2018*

*Fresh and Spicy*

### « A FINE EXAMPLE OF THIS HIGHLY EXPRESSIVE GRAPE VARIETY »

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This highly expressive Pineau d'Aunis boasts red berry and peppery notes.

### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety :** Pineau d'Aunis

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. Bio-protection systems were implemented to protect the grapes when harvesting to avoid the use of sulfites. In addition to low temperature fermentations in thermoregulated vats, neutral gas protected the wine from oxidation and limited the use of sulfites. As a result, the wine's crisp and fruity features were preserved.

**Maturing period :** 6 months on lees

Chaque variété de vigne  
– ou cépage – possède  
des caractéristiques qui  
lui sont propres.  
Découvrez celles du...

**Pineau d'Aunis** (n.m.) \*  
fruité et léger  
\*sur la définition au dos

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### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**



Bright red pink color.

#### **AROMAS**



Intense with notes of red berries  
and pepper.

#### **ON THE PALATE**



Fresh and elegant, nice fruity finish.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Ideal as an aperitif or with salads  
and charcuterie.

Serving temperature:  
6 to 8°C

Potential for ageing :  
2 years



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## **SAUVIGNON** *Vin de France* *White – 2018*

*Strong and Aromatique*

### « A FULL-BODIED SAUVIGNON, TRUE TO TYPE »

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### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Sauvignon

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. It was fermented at a low temperature in thermoregulated vats. The temperature was maintained between 16 and 18°C to promote the development of the Sauvignon's delicate aromas and to conserve the fresh and fruity nature of the harvest. It was aged for 6 to 10 months in stainless steel vats, in view of obtaining a stable and well balanced wine. Neutral gas protected the wine from oxidation and limited the use of sulfites. As a result, its crisp and fruity features were preserved.

**Maturing period :** 6 months on lees



### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Pale yellow

**AROMAS**   
Intense vegetal notes.

**ON THE PALTE**   
Aromatic (tropical fruit, vegetal notes), crisp and sweet.

### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with seafood, shellfood, charcuterie or even goat's cheese

Serving temperature :  
8 à 10°C

Potential for ageing :  
2 years



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## **CHARDONNAY** *Vin de France* *White – 2018*

*Strong and Fruity*

### «A POWERFUL CHARDONNAY UNDERScoreD BY FRUIT »

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A powerful Chardonnay underscored by fruit

This Chardonnay expresses very nice tropical fruit aromas, as well as typical roundness on the palate, a feature that has made this variety famous.

### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Chardonnay

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. It was fermented at a low temperature in thermoregulated vats. The temperature was maintained between 16 and 18°C to promote the development of the Chardonnay's delicate aromas and to conserve the fresh and fruity nature of the harvest. It was aged for 6 to 10 months in stainless steel vats, in view of obtaining a stable and well balanced wine.

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

### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Intense yellow.

#### **AROMAS**

Well ripened and tropical fruit (mango, passion fruit).

#### **ON THE PALATE**

Round, coated and strong.  
Tropical fruit (mango, passion fruit) and fermentation aromas (banana, pear)

### **FOOD PAIRING**

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

Serving temperature:  
8 à 10°C

Potential for ageing :  
4 years



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## **CHENIN** *Vin de France* *Dry White— 2018*

*Balanced and fruity*

### « A WELL BALANCED AND FRUITY CHENIN, BOASTING HEAPS OF VIVACITY »

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The Loire's cool climate and its different soils magnify this grape variety. Chenin Blanc is strongly impregnated by the vineyard's terroir. The clay earth produces rich and textured wines, whereas chalk and limestone produce vibrant and fresh offerings with good acidity. This Chenin boasts citrus and tropical fruit aromas with well ripened notes, as well as vivacity that is typical of the grape variety.

### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Chenin

**Vinification details :** Our oenologists have taken great care in the production of this wine. The must obtained from pressing was left for a fortnight at a low temperature with deposits (skin, pips and stalks) to bring out aromas and roundness. After settling (elimination of deposits), the fermentation was carried out at a fairly high temperature (18/19°C) to reveal this variety's typical tropical fruit notes. Ageing on lees provided fat and roundness.

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

### THE VINEYARD

These vines thrive in the southern part of Saumur, next to Vaudelnay. Planted in limestone clay soils, they benefit from optimal ripening conditions. A guarantee of quality, the structure and porosity of the chalky tuffeau subsoil provides the vineyard with a moderate and regular supply of water. Its roots make their way deep down into the earth, thereby absorbing the moisture and minerals required for their growth. The chalky clay parcels produce a well balanced wine, that can be fully matured all the while maintaining good acidity.

### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Pale yellow

**AROMAS**   
Expressive with citrus notes (grape fruit and lime).

**ON THE PALATE**   
Lively and well balanced with aromas of tropical fruit.

### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with seafood, saucy fish dishes, poultry or even cheese.

Serving temperature:  
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Potential for ageing :  
3 years



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## **MERLOT** *Vin de France* *Red – 2018*

*Full-bodied and fruity*

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### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety :** Merlot

**Vinification details :** To obtain a deep and fruity offering, our oenologists carefully extract the harvest's aromas and oversee the wine's fermentation. Following a maceration within a vat to extract tannins and aromas, a third of the blend was made through thermovinification. The harvest was heated to a high temperature to extract the aromas and pigmentations. As a result, the wine is suppler, rounder and more aromatic.

### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Intense red ruby color.

#### **AROMAS**

Fruity with cherry, black currant and black berry notes.

#### **ON THE PALATE**

Expressive with red and black berry aromas. Round with coated tannins.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Ideal with red meat, game, charcuterie or even cheese

Serving temperature:  
14 to 16°C

Potential for ageing:  
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# **PINOT NOIR**

## *Vin de France*

### *Red – 2016*

*Subtle and Elegant*

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#### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety :** Pinot Noir

**Vinification details :** To provide you with a subtle and elegant wine, our oenologists skillfully extracted aromas and colors, and carried out the fermentation with great care. After being macerated in vats to extract tannins, aromas and colors, a third of the blend was made through thermovinification. The harvest was heated at a high temperature to favor the extraction of the harvest's aromas and colored compounds. As a result, the wine is suppler, rounder and more aromatic.



#### **TASTING NOTES**

##### **COLOR**

Red with amber tints.

##### **AROMAS**

Well ripened and stewed fruit aromas.

##### **ON THE PALATE**

Supple, slightly acidulated with an impressive finish. Discrete and supple tannins. Aromas of stewed fruit (cherry liqueur).

#### **FOOD PAIRING**

Ideal with grilled meat, white meat, cheese, or fruit based desserts.

Serving temperature :  
12 to 14°C

Potential for ageing :  
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## **LE VIN LIBÉRÉ DES SULFITES**

*Val de Loire Chenin*

*Blanc – 2018*

*No added sulfites*

*Fresh and fruity*

### **« A CRISP AND FRUITY CHENIN WITHOUT SULFITES ADDED »**

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### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety:** Chenin  
**Soils / Terroirs :** the parcel faces east, along the Thouet, a small river, crossing Montreuil Bellay and flowing into the Loire. The clay soil provides a good supply of water throughout the summertime.  
**Vinification details :** Type of winemaking and distinctive features: the absence of sulphites is going to allow this Chenin to fully reveal its entire palette by "maturing" throughout its ageing period in bottles, evolving from fresh to stewed fruit, before evoking dried fruit.  
**Maturing period:** 4 months

### **THE VINEYARD**

The vine is cultivated with the local environment in mind and the special features of each parcel. This estate is situated in two districts, 10 kilometers away from one another - Puy Notre Dame to the west and Montreuil Bellay to the east - both of which have two types of fairly distinct soils. The first area is made up of a chalky-clay soil that produces well balanced wines, whereas the second one comprises a gravelly and tuffeau stone soil that provides complexity. This wine without sulfites is obtained thanks to an innovative harvesting procedure based upon the bio-protection of the harvest rather than the use of sulfites. Bio-protection involves the conservation of the harvest through the use of several types of micro-organisms to prevent the development of bacteria or undesirable yeast.

### **TASTING NOTES**

#### **COLOR**

Pale yellow with golden tints.

#### **AROMAS**

Aromas of dried apricot on the finish.

#### **ON THE PALATE**

Aromas of white fleshed fruit. Lively and refreshing attack. Good length on the finish.

### **FOOD PAIRING**

Ideal with seafood, saucy fish dishes, poultry or even cheese.

Serving temperature:  
10 to 12°C

Potential for ageing:  
4 years



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## LE VIN LIBÉRÉ DES SULFITES

*Coteaux d'Ancenis*

*Rouge – 2018*

*No added sulfites*

*Fresh and fruity*

### « A FRUITY AND CRISP COTEAUX D'ANCENIS WITHOUT SULFITES ADDED »

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### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Gamay

**Soils / Terroirs :** The schist soils enhance drainage, thereby naturally regulating heavy rainfall.

**Vinification details :** Winemaking without sulfites and with controlled temperatures, allows the Gamay variety to fully express its aromatic potential. Surprisingly fruity, the wine will maintain its crisp aromas for several years.

**Maturing period:** 5 months

### THE VINEYARD

The vineyard is situated south and north of Ancenis, on the historic border between Brittany and Anjou, where two terroirs meet. The Muscadet terroir is located on the western side with mild temperatures at the beginning of the springtime, and regular rainfall throughout the year. The Anjou terroir is found on the western side, and registers higher temperatures during the summertime. Facing south, the 15-year old parcels of Gamay are made up of gravelly soils with layers of schist further down. Within this zone, the variety fully expresses its fruity characteristics. It is the emblematic variety of the Coteaux d'Ancenis appellation.

### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR

Intense garnet-red color.

#### AROMAS

Powerful with red and black berries (strawberry, black currant, black berry).

#### ON THE PALATE

Attack underscored by crispness, followed by a full bodied fruity palate, and fruit on the finish.

### FOOD PAIRING

Charcuterie, grilled meat, and white meat.

Serving temperature :  
16°C

Potential for ageing :  
4 years



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**LE VIN LIBÉRÉ DES SULFITES**  
*Muscadet Coteaux de la Loire sur lie*  
*Blanc – 2018*  
*No added sulfites*

*Fruity and round*

**« A FRUITY AND ROUND MUSCADET COTEAUX DE LA LOIRE SUR LIE WITHOUT SULFITES ADDED »**

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**DU VIGNOBLE À LA CAVE**

**Cépage :** Melon B.

**Sols / Terroirs :** The vines were planted on the slopes of Drain, a district in Maine-et-Loire on the Loire's southern right bank. The subsoil is made up of metamorphic rocks whereas the soils contain gravel and sand.

**Type de vinification et particularités :** Winemaking without sulfites and the use of a malo-lactic fermentation have produced an original Muscadet, different from the lively and crisp style of traditional Muscadets. The absence of sulfites is going to allow this Muscadet to ripen as it ages, evolving from fresh fruit to stewed fruit.

**Temps d'élevage :** 7 mois.

**SAVOIR-FAIRE**

At the heart of the vineyard, the rich local biodiversity boasting many species expresses itself throughout the year. After picking the vintage's fruit, the harvest is protected in view of avoiding the proliferation of unwanted bacteria and yeast. We use bioprotection measures rather than sulfites - this consists of using yeasts instead.

**TASTING NOTES**

**COLOR** 

Pale yellow, slightly golden tints.

**AROMAS** 

Powerful, evoking caramel and apple.

**ON THE PALATE** 

Round, dominated by caramel, well coated finish.

**FOOD PAIRING**

Seafood, white meat and cheese.

Température de service :  
12 degrés

Potential for ageing :  
4 years



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## **LE VIN LIBÉRÉ DES SULFITES**

*Val de Loire Cabernet Franc*

*Rouge – 2018*

*No added sulfites*

*Light and Supple*

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### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Cabernet Franc

**Vinification details :** The house's oenologists have taken great care in the elaboration of this product to provide you with a supple and light wine without sulfites. Following a short 8-day maceration to extract color and aromas, the winemaking is carried out at a controlled temperature. To avoid the risk of oxidation, our oenologists use a neutral gas and implement biocontrol measures. This innovative technique limits the development of bad yeast that could alter the wine as it has not been protected with sulfites. As a result, its crispness and fruity aromas have been conserved.

### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR

Intense red.

#### AROMAS

Powerful with stewed fruit notes and spices, as well as black currant and black berry aromas.

#### ON THE PALATE

Elegant and velvety underscored by black berry notes.

### FOOD PAIRING

Meat, duck and lamb.

Serving temperature :  
14 to 16 °C

Potential for ageing :  
6 years



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## **LE VIN LIBÉRÉ DES SULFITES**

### *Val de Loire Cabernet Franc – Grolleau*

### *Rosé – 2018*

### *No added sulfites*

*Fresh and Fruity*

#### « **A LIGHT AND FRUITY ROSÉ WITHOUT SULFITES ADDED** »

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**Grape variety:** Cabernet Franc, Grolleau

**Vinification details :** The house's oenologists have taken great care in the elaboration of this product to provide you with a crisp and fruity wine without sulfites. This rosé is obtained by direct pressing with a selection of juice from the heart of the press to bring about complexity. To avoid the risk of oxidation, our oenologists use a neutral gas and implement biocontrol. This innovative technique limits the development of bad yeast that could alter the wine as it has not been protected with sulfites. As a result, its crispness and fruity aromas have been conserved.



#### **TASTING NOTES**

##### **COLOR**

Bright pink.

##### **AROMAS**

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

##### **ON THE PALATE**

Nice crispness and good balance with notes of grapefruit.

#### **FOOD PAIRING**

Summertime salad, grilled meat, and charcuterie

Serving temperature :  
8 to 10 °C

Potential for ageing :  
2 years



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## **CHINON SELECT** *Red – 2018*

*Strong and silk*

### « THE FULL RICHNESS OF THE APPELLATION »

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#### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety:** Cabernet Franc

**Soils / Terroirs :** This is a blend of two terroirs, the first of which is located on a hillside with a chalky clay soil and the second of which is made up of sandy soil. This blend brings about harmony and good balance.

**Vinification details :** The harvest is carefully selected by our oenologists, who skillfully make it into wine, in view of obtaining a rich and silky product. It is derived from a hand picked harvest sourced from three different parcels. Winemaking takes place in-house at the estate. After a careful ageing period, bottling is only carried out when optimum maturity has been reached to conserve the wine's fruity flavors and richness.

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

#### **THE VINEYARD**

The grapes of this wine, most of which are hand picked, originate from three plots. The parcels known as "Saut aux loups" and "Villy" are situated on chalky-clay slopes offering concentrated and tannic wines. "Les maisons Bourdeaux" is a piece of land located in the plain with sandy soil providing fruit and depth.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

##### **COLOR**



Intense garnet-red color.

##### **AROMAS**



Red and black berries, mixed with notes of roasted cocoa beans and toasted bread.)

##### **ON THE PALATE**



Round with rich density, its structure is consolidated by the tannins provided by the grapes and the oak. Very nice consistency with a hint of bitterness.

#### **FOOD PAIRING**

Pair with country terrine, mushroom pie, Chinese spring rolls, beef stew, roast game or saint-nectaire cheese.

Serving temperature :  
Between 15°C to 16°C

Ageing potential: 10 years



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## **SANCERRE SELECT** *White – 2018*

*Fresh et Fruity*

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#### **VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING**

**Grape variety:** Cabernet Franc

**Soils / Terroirs :** This a blend of the three typical terroirs of the Sancerre appellation: Terre Blanches, Sancerre and Caillottes dominated by flint stone.

**Vinification details :** The harvest is carefully selected by our oenologists, who skillfully make it into wine, in view of obtaining a fresh and fruity product. Each terroir is elaborated into wine separately before being blended to achieve the right balance between mineral notes from the flint stone, citrus notes from the white soils, and well-ripened fruit from the chalky-clay soils. Winemaking at a low temperature fully preserves the expression of these terroirs. Maturing on fine lees provides complexity and finesse.

**Maturing period:** 8 months on lees.

#### **THE VINEYARD**

This wine brings together the three specific terroirs belonging to the Sancerre appellation: flint stone provides ageing potential, structure, freshness and minerality; the white soils offer roundness, aromas of white flowers (lilies and acacias) and tropical fruit (litchi and pineapple); the Caillottes (hard limestone) and the Griottes (soft limestone) generate freshness, floral aromas and intense citrus fruit.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

**COLOR**  
Pale gold.



**AROMAS**

Expressive with tropical fruit and citrus aromas.



**ON THE PALATE**

Ample and lively fruity flavors. The finish is intense and marked by fresh fruit.



#### **FOOD PAIRING**

Perfect as an aperitif, with seafood, fish or goat's cheese.

Serving temperature:  
Between 8°C to 10°C



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### **ABOUT DROUET FRERES**

#### **« THE CONVIVIAL MOMENT TO ENJOY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS »**

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## SANCERRE SÉLECT

*Red – 2017*

*Supple and fruity*

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### DU VIGNOBLE À LA CAVE

**Grape variety:** Pinot Noir

**Vinification details** In addition to a cold pre-fermentation maceration, regular pumping over is carried out to extract aromas and color, all the while avoiding the development of dry tannins. Winemaking at a controlled temperature brings fruity aromas to the fore. As a result, the oenologists have achieved a wine that is at once supple, well-structured and fruity (blackberry and cherry).


**Maturing period:** 12 months

### VIGNOBLE

The Sancerre appellation's three typical terroirs are included in this blend: Terres Blanches (white soils), Silex (flint stone) and Caillottes (stone-laden dry limestone). Each parcel provides a typical style with minerality, fruit, and fat or even roundness.

### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR**   
Red with violet tints.

**AROMAS**   
Fruity with well ripened red berry notes.

**PALATE**   
Fleshy and full with black berries.

### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with rich sauce dishes or mushroom cream soup.

Serving temperature:  
16 to 17 °C

Potential for ageing:  
2 to 5 years



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## **SANCERRE SELECT** *Rosé – 2018*

*Fresh and fruity*

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### VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

**Grape variety:** Pinot Noir

**Vinification details:** In this case, Pinot Noir benefits from all of the expertise of our winemakers and fully expresses red berry aromas. Temperature control during the fermentation phase favors the development of aromas and produces a crisp and fruity wine.

**Maturing period:** 6 mois

### THE VINEYARD

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### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR



Pale pink, with light orange tints.

#### AROMAS



Crisp and fruity with red berry notes.

#### PALATE



Ample and rich. Good intensity.  
Long finish.

### FOOD PAIRING

Ideal as an aperitif or with pizza.

Service temperature:  
8 to 10°C

Potential for ageing:  
1 to 2 years



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