



## CHÂTEAU PIERRE BISE ANJOU BLANC "LES ROUANNIÈRES" 2014



Nestled on a high ridge overlooking the steep south-facing slopes of the Layon river, tributary of the Loire, Claude & Joelle Papin run 80 acres of land with their sons René and Christophe. The Layon in the Anjou region of the Loire is, with the Ciron in Sauternes, one of the only river in France that allow the development of Botrytis, the noble rot that turn the grape into liquid gold.

Jancis Robinson MW describes Claude Papin as "One of the most talented wine growers in this part of the world". As a true Terroirist he believes that blending different climate "even 1%" will prevent his wines from finding harmony. Since he took over the estate from his father in 1972, he conducted a deep analysis of his Terroir identifying 25 different "Climats" all vinified separately.

His knowledge of Terroir is unrivaled in the Anjou of the Loire and it is not surprising that his Chenin Blanc either dry or sweet give voice to every nuances that the grape is capable of. Not only Claude is the reference point in the Layon he is considered one of the leading producer in Savennières too.

### SOIL TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

3.5 acres single parcel on the top of a windy south-east facing hillside. Thin layer of clay (7 inch) covering a solid bedrock of Spilite (volcanic origin) Warmer Micro-climate where grows 60+ Mediterranean herbs and plants.

### VARIETAL \_\_\_\_\_

100% Chenin Blanc. 15 years-old vines.

### CULTURE \_\_\_\_\_

Organic treatment such as Trace element, marine algae (Photosynthesis), Orange terpene (Mildiou/Oïdium) & sulfur. Disbudding in June, Grape removing in July. Natural grass cover between the row. Manual harvesting.

### VINIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

Slow pneumatic pressing. Long settling of 24 to 48 hours. Fermentation in stainless steel vats with wild yeasts and no chaptalization.

### TASTING NOTES \_\_\_\_\_

The nose expresses a bouquet of fresh citrus fruit. In the mouth the Chenin Blanc display a crisp minerality and some deep ripe fruit. The finish is lean and precise.

*Other wines from the same estate:*

*Savennières Clos le Grand Beaupréau  
Savennières Roche-aux-Moines  
Coteaux du Layon Beaulieu Clos de la Soucherie  
Quarts-de-Chaume*

