



CHÂTEAU DE VILLENEUVE SAUMUR BLANC 2016



The town of Saumur, and its castle of the 11th century overlooking the left bank of the Loire River, is where start this single hillside of "Turonian" limestone, locally called "Tuffeau", that offer the best Terroir of the Anjou-Saumur region for the production of Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc.

It is there in the small village of Souzay-Champigny, in the heart of this 7 miles plateau dominating the river, that Jean-Pierre Chevalier farms organically his 60 acres single plot of vines surrounding the family *Château*.

Fully certified organic since 2012, the vines have always been farmed in respect of nature with no use a phytosanitary products. In order to guarantee the best purity of fruit Jean-Pierre harvests his entire production in small cases at optimum maturity and use sorting tables. Vinifications still happen in the old troglodyte caves of his ancestors curved into the "Tuffeau", and offering the ideal conditions of temperature.

The terroir of Château de Villeneuve is considered by many wine professionals as the greatest for Chenin Blanc, with the slatey schist of Savennières.

SOIL TYPE _____

Clay and "Tuffeau" limestone (Turonian chalk).

VARIETAL _____

100% Chenin Blanc.

CULTURE _____

Certified organic Ecocert

The Soil is worked under the row. Natural grass cover between the rows. Severe winter pruning leaving 6 buds per branch. Base-bud removal. Leaf-thinning at the "Veraison" in order to optimize the maturation of the grapes. Harvest is made exclusively by hand in small cases. Sorting tables are used before a gentle pressing in pneumatic press.

VINIFICATION _____

Long fermentation in old 600 liters French oak barrels, followed by an ageing on fine lees during 4 months in the same "Tonnes". No "Bâtonnage" and no malolactic fermentation.

TASTING NOTES _____

Lively stone fruit flavors carried by an elegant spine of acidity. The minerality and depth of this wine is just unbelievable. It finishes with a seductive bouquet of ripe fruit that just invite you for another glass.

Other wines from the same estate:

Château de Villeneuve, Saumur Champigny 2015
Château de Villeneuve "Le Grand Clos", Saumur 2014

