



DOMAINE DE LA CROIX DES VAINQUEURS, LAURENT BONNEAU
"CUVÉE PRÉMIUM", VOUVRAY BRUT 2014



Overlooking the Loire River, the plateau of Vouvray, and its single soil of "Tuffeau" Limestone, have been delivering for over 15th century the wider palette of expression of the Chenin Blanc variety. From the driest to the sweetest, Vouvray wines are always balanced by a bright acidity characteristic of this versatile grape.

Sparkling wines account for almost 60% of the production of the appellation, made from Méthode Traditionnelle, the Vouvray Pétillant are generally non-vintage making this 2010 vintage Brut a rarity.

Native of Vouvray Laurent Bonneau know Chenin Blanc like the back of his hand. After training in some of the greatest Châteaux in Bordeaux he decided in 2006 to come back to his roots and took over a 22 acres vineyard from a friend of the family. Following the organic path, Laurent reveal in his wine a lot of purity and minerality.

SOIL TYPE _____

Clay and limestone soil at the top of the "plateau" of Vouvray. From a single plot of 1.5 acres called "Les Derronnières"

VARIETAL _____

100 % Chenin Blanc. Oldest vines planted in 1956.

CULTURE _____

Sustainable farming, no use of herbicide, working of the soil. Harvests by hand in small cases of 35 pounds.

VINIFICATION _____

All the conveyances are made by gravity protecting the integrity of the fruit. Slow and soft pressing in pneumatic press. Settling at cold temperature during 24 hours. Fermentation happen in new 600 liters French oak barrels. Second fermentation in bottle. Before disgorgement, the wine matures "Sur lattes" during 36 months. Low dosage with less than 9 g/l of residual sugar.

TASTING NOTES _____

This wine is displaying throughout the tasting a razor-like minerality and a refreshing acidity. The long maturation delivers delicate bubbles and a deep mouthfeel of pear and sweet spices. The finish is rewarding us with a true Chenin Blanc signature.

From the same Winery :

- "Le Bouchet", Vouvray Brut n/v
- "Le Bouchet", Vouvray Sec 2015
- "Le Bouchet", Vouvray Demi-sec 2013
- "Lubin", Vouvray Liqueureux 2011

