



# CHÂTEAU DE VILLENEUVE SAUMUR CHAMPIGNY "LE GRAND CLOS" 2014



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*.

In conversion to organic culture since 2009, 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.

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

Single 5 acres plot on the plateau at the back of the Château.  
Clay and "Tuffeau" limestone (Turonian chalk).

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

100% Cabernet Franc. 60 years-old vines in average.

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

### **Certified organic Ecocert**

The Soil is worked under the row. Natural grass cover between the row. 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. Final sorting of the destemmed grapes on a sorting tables.

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

32 days of maceration in old wooden vats of 4,000l. Traditional "pigeage" (Punching of the cap) with the feet.  
Ageing during 16 months in 1,200 liters French oak foudre.

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

This wine displays an impressive intensity. Southern-like aromas of olive tapenade and deep black fruit prove the high maturity of the fruit and the Loire acidity is providing a fresh finish. The volume and depth of this wine will convert anyone to Cabernet Franc, if still needed...

*Other wines from the same estate:*

*Château de Villeneuve, Saumur Blanc 2016  
Château de Villeneuve, Saumur Champigny 2015*



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