



CHÂTEAU PIERRE BISE SAVENNIÈRES ROCHE AUX MOINES 2012



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.

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 nuance that the grape is capable of.

Savennières is considered by many as one of the Grand Cru of the Loire, 3 villages can produce this appellation for a total of 370 acres. Roche aux Moines, even if part of Savennières, is an appellation on its own and represent only 54 acres divided between 8 producers. It is considered with the contiguous Coulée de Serrant of Nicolas Joly as the greatest Terroir of Chenin Blanc discovered.

SOIL TYPE

4.5 acres on a steep south-east facing ravine plunging into the Loire. Purple schist (Provide roundness and flesh), vein of spilite (basic volcanic rock – warm soil adding maturity) and sandstone (Give the minerality and liveliness)

VARIETAL

100% Chenin Blanc. 25 years-old vines.

CULTURE

Roche aux Moines is one of the only appellations forbid, by law, the use of insecticide; impose very limited yield and hand harvest with successive sorting. Organic treatment such as Trace element, marine algae (Photosynthesis), Orange terpene (Mildiou/Oïdium) & sulfur. Disbudding in June, Grape removing in July. Natural grass cover.

VINIFICATION

Slow pneumatic pressing. Long fermentation (alcoolique and malo-lactique) with natural yeasts in old 400 liters French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Superb cuvée full of elegance. Complex bouquet of flavors (Rose, fennel, mirabelle, violet...). The minerality is staggering as well as the solar maturity of the fruit. A work of art...

Other wines from the same estate:
Anjou Blanc "Les Rouannières"

Savennières Clos le Grand Beaupréau
Coteaux du Layon Beaulieu Clos de la Soucherie
Quarts-de-Chaume

