



# CHATEAU DE LA DURANDIERE

## CREMANT DE LOIRE « BLANC DE NOIRS »



Château de la Durandière stands at the door of the charming, fortified village of Montreuil Bellay few miles south of the city of Saumur. The green banks of the Thouet river, a tributary of the Loire, run the lengths of this peaceful hill standing alongside troglodytes houses, thousand-year-old stones and century-old trees.

Most of the vines of the estate are located between the walls of the Château on a chalky ridge overlooking the river. This microclimate associated with a strict sustainable farming allow the Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc to reach a pick level of ripeness.

Crémant de Loire can be produced in the vineyards of Anjou, Saumur and Touraine. Created in 1975 it can only be produced following the Méthode Traditionnelle, made from grapes harvested in openwork cases, and aged for a minimum of 9 months before disgorgement. The law also imposes a maximum of 100l per 150kg of grapes. The pressure is like the one of Champagne between 3 and 5 bars.

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

Clay subsoil and very stony limestone topsoil.

VARIETAL \_\_\_\_\_

100% Cabernet Franc from 45-year-old in average.

CULTURE \_\_\_\_\_

In sustainable culture since 2007. Natural grass cover between the rows. Leaf-thinning and "green harvest" in June to increase the grape maturity. No use of pesticide and herbicide. Hand harvesting.

VINIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

Direct pressing in pneumatic press. 1<sup>st</sup> fermentation of the base wine in stainless steel vats. 2<sup>nd</sup> fermentation in bottle followed by 3 years ageing sur lattes. Extra Brut dosage 2g/l. 2019 vintage.

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

Ample and nicely textured it is showing a fine bubble and nice purity. Orchard fruits, white flowers and white pepper dominates. Elegant saline persistence. Racy and refreshing finish.

*Other wines from the same estate:*

- Château de la Durandière, Saumur Blanc & Rouge*
- Château de la Durandière, Saumur Brut sparkling*
- Château de la Durandière, Saumur Rosé sparkling*

