



CHATEAU DE LA DURANDIERE SAUMUR BLANC BRUT



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.

Saumur, with its northern cool climate, rich chalky terroir and endless network of caves, has all the same advantages for sparkling winemaking as Champagne. Chenin Blanc, our Loire native, is another reason why this long tradition, with its versatility and natural high acidity it provides the ideal base wine for the "Fines bulles de Loire". It is not surprising then that it is the third largest appellation for sparkling production in France after Champagne and Crémant d'Alsace.

SOIL TYPE _____

7 acres single parcel. Clay subsoil and very stony limestone topsoil.

VARIETAL _____

100% Chenin Blanc from 35-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. 1st fermentation of the base wine in stainless steel vats. 2nd fermentation in bottle followed by 18 months ageing sur lattes. Extra Brut dosage 3.2g/l. 2022 vintage.

TASTING NOTES _____

The bright freshness of Chenin Blanc is leading the way throughout the tasting experience. Aromas of white peach and honeysuckle scents dominates the bouquet. Showing just enough bready notes and utterly refreshing the finish is nicely controlled by a subtle effervescence.

Other wines from the same estate:

Saumur Blanc & Rouge

Saumur Blanc de Noir sparkling

Saumur Rosé sparkling

