



CHATEAU DE VILLENEUVE "LES CORMIERS" SAUMUR BLANC 2022



The town of Saumur, and its castle of the 11th century overlooking the left bank of the Loire River, is where start this 7 miles plateau of "Turonian" limestone, locally called "Tuffeau", that offers the greatest 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, one of the 8 villages of the appellation, that Cécile and Caroline, who took after their parents in 2025, farms organically his 60 acres single plot of vines surrounding the family *Château*. Fully certified organic since 2012, the vines have always been farmed in respect of nature with no use a phytosanitary product. In order to guarantee the best purity of fruit they harvest their entire production in small cases at optimum maturity and use sorting tables. Winemaking is hands-off and happens with native yeasts and minimal addition of SO₂.

The terroir of Château de Villeneuve is considered by many wine professionals as the greatest for Chenin Blanc, with the slaty schist of Savennières or the neighbor hillside of Brézé.

SOIL TYPE _____

Clay and "Tuffeau" limestone (Turonian chalk).
Single parcel enclosed by wall "Clos des Cormiers"

VARIETAL _____

100% Chenin Blanc.

CULTURE _____

Certified organic Ecocert

The Soil is worked under the row. Natural grass cover between the rows. 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. Sorting tables are used before a gentle pressing in pneumatic press.

VINIFICATION _____

Long fermentation in old 500 liters French oak barrels, followed by an ageing on fine lees during 10 months in the same "Tonnes".
No "Bâtonnage" and no malolactic fermentation.

TASTING NOTES _____

"Exhales a delicate, lively bouquet of pear, white flowers, menthol, spices and spring flowers, followed by a medium to full-bodied, tense, mouthwatering and ethereal finish. This is an excellent rendition of one of Saumur's finest"

-- RP92pts by Yohan Castaing, Wine Advocate June 13, 2024

Other wines from the same estate:

Saumur Blanc 2024

Saumur Champigny 2023

"Vieilles Vignes" Saumur Champigny 2022

"Le Grand Clos" Saumur Champigny 2021

