



# CHATEAU DE LA DURANDIERE

## SAUMUR ROUGE 2023



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.

First record of Cabernet Franc, this South-West France native, in the Loire date back to the Medieval time. Also called "Breton" this early ripening grape, of the Carmenet family related to Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot, impresses by its aromatic finesse. Known as a blending grape in Bordeaux it is grown predominantly as a single variety in the Loire region.

### 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

Cold pre-fermentary maceration for 4 days. Fermentations and maceration of 12 days in stainless steel vats. 6 months ageing in stainless. Bottling in the spring after a light filtration.

### TASTING NOTES

Vibrant aromas of black cherry and fresh red berries. Elegant peppery notes nicely combined with subtle fragrance of violet. The charm of the youth and the dominance of the lush fruit make this wine utterly accessible.

*Other wines from the same estate:*

*Château de la Durandière, Saumur Blanc*

*Château de la Durandière, Blanc de Noir Crémant de Loire*

*Château de la Durandière, Saumur Rosé sparkling*

