



CHÂTEAU DE LA DURANDIÈRE 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 house, 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 mesoclimate associated with a strict sustainable farming allow the Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc to reach a pick 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 top soil.

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.

VINIFICATION _____

Fermentation of the "vin de base" in stainless steel vats. Second fermentation in the bottle following the strict Méthode Traditionnelle.

Artisanal riddling on wooden racks. 12 month ageing "sur lattes" in the troglodytes caves of the Château. Brut dosage of 7 g/l
2,000 cases produced per year only.

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:

*Château de la Durandière, Crémant de Loire
Château de la Durandière, Saumur Rosé sparkling*

