



CHÂTEAU PIERRE BISE SAVENNIÈRES ROCHE AUX MOINES 2018



Nestled on a high ridge overlooking the steep south-facing slopes of the Layon river, tributary of the Loire, Anne-Cécile & René Papin runs their 80 acres with the best organic practices.

According to Vinous "Since 1959, the Papin family has been one of the most celebrated producers of Coteaux du Layon". As a true Terroirist René believes that blending different climate "even 1%" will prevent his wines from finding harmony. Since he took over the estate from his father in 2005, he conducted a deep analysis of his Terroir identifying 25 different "Climats" all vinified separately.

Even though part of Savennières, Roche aux Moines became appellation in its own right in 2011. This micro appellation, soon to be classified the third only

Grand Cru of the Loire with Quarts-de-Chaume and Coulée de Serrant, represent 54 acres and is divided between 8 growers only. Already 60% of the 370 acres of Savennières appellation are grown organically but in Roche-aux-Moines organic viticulture is compulsory.

SOIL TYPE

4.5 acres on a steep south-east facing ravine plunging into the Loire. Purple schist (Provide roundness and flesh), vein of spilite (basic volcanic rock – warm soil adding maturity) and sandstone (Give the minerality and liveliness)

VARIETAL

100% Chenin Blanc. 30 years-old vines.

CULTURE

Roche aux Moines is one of the only appellations forbid, by law, the use of insecticide; impose very limited yield and hand harvest with successive sorting. Organic treatment such as Trace element, marine algae (Photosynthesis), Orange terpene (Mildiou/Oïdium) & sulfur. Disbudding in June, Grape removing in July. Natural grass cover.

VINIFICATION

Slow pneumatic pressing. Long fermentation (alcoolique and malo-lactique) with natural yeasts in old 400 liters French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES/REVIEW

"Roche Aux Moines, the amazing sub-appellation of Savennières, produces some of the finest expressions of Chenin Blanc, and this is no exception. Floral and herbal aromas, with deep notes of wet earth. In the mouth, it's just gorgeous. Lithe and lean, great structure and balance, and so precise."

93 points, Jason Wilson, Vinous

Other wines from the same estate:

Crémant de Loire Non Dosé

Anjou Blanc "Le Haut de la Garde"

Savennières "Clos de Coulaine"

Coteaux du Layon Rochefort & Quarts-de-Chaume

