



CHÂTEAU PIERRE BISE SAVENNIÈRES "CLOS DE COULAINÉ" 2018



Nestled on a high ridge overlooking the steep south-facing slopes of the Layon river, tributary of the Loire, Claude & Joelle Papin run 80 acres of land with their sons René and Christophe.

Jancis Robinson MW was describing his dad Claude Papin as "One of the most talented wine growers in this part of the world" and René is surely his worthy successor. As a true Terroirist he 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.

Savennières is considered by many as one of the Grand Cru of the Loire, 3 villages can produce this appellation for a total of 370 acres. The combination of a complex schistose soil, an ideal south-exposure and the proximity to both the Loire and the ocean create the subtle alchemy for an exceptional Terroir.

SOIL TYPE

14 acres of Chenin Blanc vines planted on deep, silty-sandy soils over sandstone and green schist. The vineyard is located above the Village of Savennières on a east/south-east gentle slope.

VARIETAL

100% Chenin Blanc. 30 years-old vines.

CULTURE

Organic treatment such as Trace element, marine algae (Photosynthesis), Orange terpene (Mildiou/Oïdium) & sulfur. Disbudding in June, Grape removing in July. Natural grass cover between the rows.

Manual harvest with few consecutive sorting in the vines.
Certified organic for the 2019 vintage.

VINIFICATION

Slow pneumatic pressing. 24 to 48 h of must settling. Long fermentation (alcoholic and malolactic) with native yeast in stainless steel tanks. No chaptalisation. 14 month ageing in sandstone Amphora and 30-hectoliter old French oak Foudre.

TASTING NOTES

"Aromas of earth, flowers, and wool. Fuller bodied than the Anjou, with a core minerality of sea spray and smoke. Challenging wine as Savennières, but ultimately fascinating. Aged in sandstone amphora and 30-hectoliter foudre."

90 points, Jason Wilson, Vinous

Other wines from the same estate:

Crémant de Loire

Anjou Blanc "Le Haut de la Garde"

Savennières Roche aux Moines

Coteaux du Layon Rochefort & Quarts-de-Chaume

