



FRANÇOIS CHIDAINE

TOURNAINE SAUVIGNON 2020



"Chidaine is to Chenin Blanc, what Didier Dagueneau is to Sauvignon Blanc"

"You have to look to the historical collections of regional leaders Foreau and Huet to find comparable consistently high quality, making it clear that Chidaine is one of the world's finest craftsmen in the medium of white wine" David Schildknecht VN

Facing Vouvray, the other side of the river, Montlouis-sur-Loire is just 2 miles as the crow flies, from its illustrious older brother. Like in Vouvray, Montlouis is exclusively dedicated to Chenin Blanc, but the subtlety of Terroir, Flinty for Montlouis and Chalky for Vouvray, make them truly distinctive. It is there that François Chidaine started his venture in 1989, when he took over after his dad. Since then, he caused a mini-revolution in this tiny appellation, in many ways that the contemporary history of Montlouis is the history of his. Organic since 1992 and biodynamic since 1999 he shaped this appellation to be a natural wine heaven, with a swag of winemakers following his footsteps. His estate is now made of 90 acres, 50 acres in Montlouis, 25 in Vouvray and 15 in Touraine.

SOIL TYPE _____

Clay & flint of Chissay-en-Touraine and clay & Limestone of St-Julien-de-Chédon
Two parcels located in the Valley of the Cher (Tributary of the Loire)

VARIETAL _____

100% Sauvignon Blanc

CULTURE _____

Vines conducted in Biodynamy. No phytosanitary products. Natural grass cover between the row. Working of the soil under the row. **Manual harvest.**

VINIFICATION _____

Direct pressing in pneumatic press. Must settling at cold temperature. Fermentation in stainless still vats with native yeasts at low temperature. No malolactic fermentation. Ageing on the fine lees in stainless still vats, with no stirring, until the bottling in February 2021.

TASTING NOTES _____

This wine delivers all the most charming aspect of a ripe Sauvignon Blanc with notes of exotic fruit (Pineapple or mango) nicely combined with citrus notes providing a refreshing character. The body is fleshy yet soft and it gives an overall impression of balance and purity of fruit.



From the same Winery :
Touraine Sauvignon Rouge 2019
Montlouis-sur-Loire "Les Tuffeaux" 2018
Vouvray "Les Argiles" 2018

