

ANJOU VILLAGES *red - 2017*

mature and full-bodied

«SCHIST TERROIR»

Concerned about preserving the terroir and bio-diversity, we have been committed to converting over to organic growing since 2016. We manage our vineyard without the use of chemical inputs and with the greatest respect for the soils, in view of favoring the expression of the terroir and the wine's fruity aromas. Elaborated from late-harvested Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, this blend offering expresses the varieties's full potential. Evoking notes of black berry, the palate is well ripened with plenty of structure. Best served at a temperature between 14 and 16°C, this Anjou Villages pairs perfectly well with saucy meat dishes or grilled red meat.

VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

Grape Variety : 60 % Cabernet Sauvignon 40% cabernet franc

Soils/Terroirs: Schistes

Winemaking details:

This wine allows Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon to achieve their full potential.

2017 was characterized by a hot summer that helped to produce well ripened grapes.

We take special care of the vineyard, by preferring to till the soils rather than using chemical treatments.

During the fermentation phase, the marc is immersed to gently extract the harvest's juice and to preserve its fruity aromas.


Maturing period: a 12-month in barrels

THE VINEYARD

Located in a schist terroir, this vineyard extends across a single property comprising 24 hectares. The schist-laden soil maintains warm temperatures, thereby allowing the varieties of this wine to perfectly ripen. Moreover, our growers use one of the best rootstocks: Riparia Gloire de Montpellier. This low yielding vine provides fully matured quality fruit. Planted 19 years ago, it currently produces 35 to 40 hl/ha. Our vineyard is in the 2nd year of conversion over to organic growing.

TASTING NOTES

COLOR 
Purplish red

AROMAS 
Pleasant black berry and black pepper notes come to the fore.

ON THE PALATE 
Impressive structure on the palate with round tannins.

FOOD PAIRING

Meat with gravy or steak.

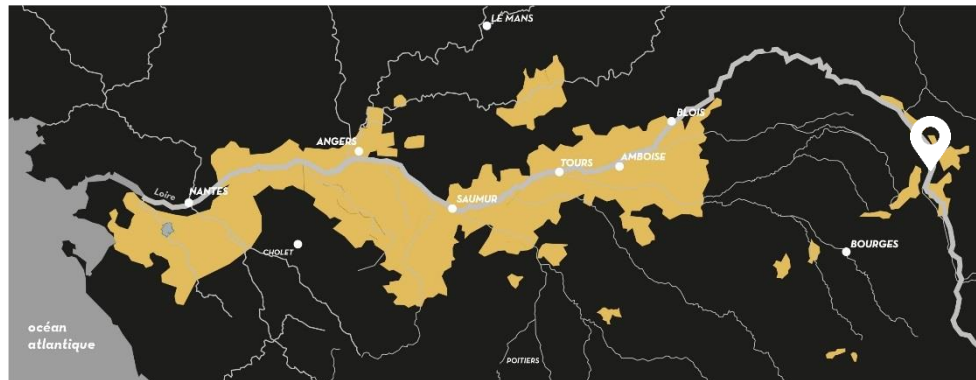
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Meilleurs Terroirs, where Great Wines are born ...

Comprising many exceptional castles, the Loire Valley is also called the Valley of the Kings. It was the crucible of France's art of living and power, and is without a doubt the cradle of high quality wines. Meilleurs Terroirs is the portfolio of brands, specializing in great wines derived from the region's most well-known terroirs. Such as Chateau de Sancerre, Chateau la Varière, Domaine de la Perruche... exceptional wines from great chateaux and estates, which have built the reputation of our finest appellations.

Loire Valley wines flourish in a **unique cultural landscape**, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Loire Valley vineyard extends over 65,000 hectares within 4 regions – Pays Nantais, Anjou-Saumur, Touraine and Centre Loire. All and all, this wine route represents a distance of 800 km.



“The Loire Valley is France’s 3rd largest winegrowing region. Stretching from the Atlantic coast to the Centre region, it is a point of equilibrium, where north meets south, sophistication meets freshness, art meets literature, and tradition meets modernity. These harmonious contrasts - plus the generally temperate climate and extraordinarily varied terroirs - have produced the world’s most diverse array of wines. As a result, France’s longest river is capable of providing a rich selection of over 50 still and sparkling AOP and PGI wines and over 10 varieties (Chenin, Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Melon de Bourgogne, Cabernet Franc...). All of the wines are in the nature of the Loire Valley.”

ABOUT DOMAINE DES HARDIÈRES

« A MOMENT SUSPENDED BY THE BEAUTY OF OUR SENSES »

This 24-hectare estate is located in Saint Lambert du Lattay across from the hamlet of Chaume, north of Layon. Its parcels are special because they form a single unbroken piece of land, south of the hamlet of the Domaine des Hardières, some 200 meters from the river. Thanks to this ideal position, the vineyard fully benefits from the assets of the Layon Valley, most especially autumn-time mist that allows Chenin to achieve over-ripeness – a feature associated with great dry or sweet white wines. In addition to Chenin, the estate is planted with Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon on well exposed and well drained slopes, favoring the phenolic maturing of red wines. On average 28 years old, the vines are currently in their 2nd year of conversion over to organic growing. Respect for the location, the soil and its environment are important values to achieve a maximum expression of the terroir and the quality of our wines.

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