

ANJOU BLANC *Dry white- 2017*

Crisp and complex

« **SCHIST TERROIR** »

Situated in a schist terroir, Domaine des Hardières 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 white wines.

Keen on preserving the fine quality and true expression of this fabulous terroir, we are currently in the 2nd year of conversion over to organic growing and intervene as little as possible in the winemaking process.

VINE-GROWING & WINEMAKING

Grape Variety: Chenin

Soils/Terroirs: Schist

Winemaking details: The grapes are hand picked and carefully sorted in the vineyard. After direct pressing, the winemaking and maturing is undertaken in a cool cellar in barrels used three times beforehand. During the maturing stage, weekly tastings determine the amount of stirring required to obtain the complexity of a perfect wine.

Maturing period: 12-month minimum in barrels used three times beforehand.

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 Chenin 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.

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TASTING NOTES

COLOR

Pale yellow with green tints.

AROMAS

Nice aromas of flint-stone with lemony flavors

ON THE PALATE

Lively and fruity attack. Mineral finish and good aromatic persistence.

FOOD PAIRING

Smoked fish, white meat or cheese.

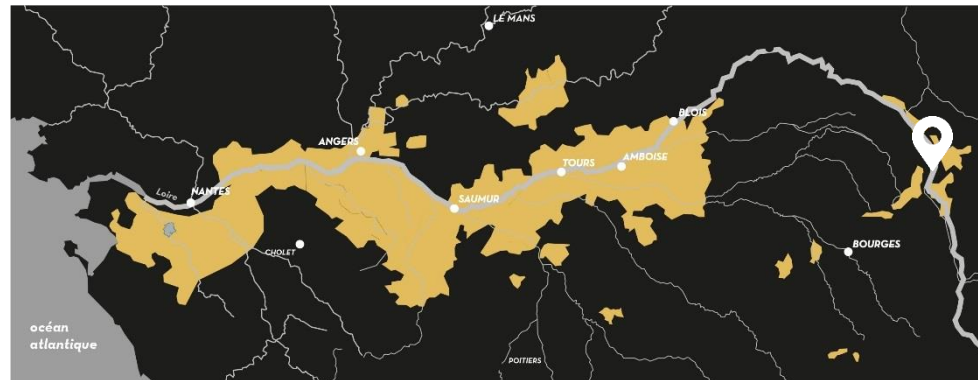
Serving temperature:
6 to 8°C.



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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