

Domaine de la Rochette

Chenonceaux



VINTAGE	2019
REGION	Loire Valley
APPELLATION	Touraine
VARIETAL	100% Sauvignon
ALCOHOL	14 %
TERROIR	"Perruche" : clay with flints, silica and gravels. Mostly on slopes.
INFO	46 Ha (113.67 Acres) total vineyard & 1.5 Ha (3.62 Acres) devoted to the white Chenonceaux on 3 to 7% sloping plots oriented to Cher river. Harvested Sept. 10th 2019 - 14 to 16c Low temperature fermentation - 6 to 8 hours skin maceration - 12 months aging on lees in thermo-regulated tanks for the 2019 3.3 Grs. R. Sugar - Unfined / Filtered Sustainable Agriculture Practices -HEV 3 certified having High Environmental Value

About the Estate:

Domaine de la ROCHETTE is located in Pouille, a small wine village on the slopes of the Cher River, hearth of the Loire Valley, nestled among some of the most beautiful and reputed Chateaux of the region; Chenonceaux, Amboise, Chambord, Blois. The vineyard is located on the sides of the river benefiting from a semi continental climate, on multiple terroirs and "perruche" (made of clay-with-flints, silica and gravels). Most of the parcels – especially for the Sauvignon – are in "premiere Cotes" with a beautiful exposure and rather important slope, perfect for natural drainage.

Family estate for 4 generations, we discovered Domaine La ROCHETTE and Francois LECLAIR over 20 years ago. The son Vincent is now adding a modern touch in the vinification without hiding tradition and of course, the terroir expression of this clean, fresh and zesty Touraine Sauvignon!

After several years of rigorous work, and strict rules, the new AOP Touraine Chenonceaux has been recognized in 2011. Located in the departments of Indre-et-Loire and Loir-et-Cher, the Touraine Chenonceaux < 500 acres vineyard, covers both banks of the Cher and must face the river. Concentrated on the upper slopes (minimum 3% slope), it has the particularity of being implanted on clay-siliceous grounds also called "Perruche" as well as oil flint and limestone soils. Good luminosity, regular ventilation and low pluviometry characterize the micro-climate of the Cher Valley, so favorable to grow vines. These conditions take part naturally in the identity of Touraine Chenonceaux wines by influencing their aromas and their structure. Exciting for Vincent, to belong to the very few winegrowers producing some Chenonceaux, using his talent and optimizing his terroir. 2019 harvesting with a great sunny weather, no alteration and perfect ripeness. All perfect!

Tasting Notes:

Longer fermentation with lower temperatures to get more finesse, white & citrus fruits. Longer aging on lies to optimize richness, complexity and length.

Expressive, fine and generous nose on white flowers, stewed red fruits and mango aromas, with hints of vanilla, roasted coffee and flint. Full & powerful palate keeping the white flowers, fresh fruits, vanilla and flinty notes, on a great length

Press Review:

"Full of ripe white & citrus fruits, this is a concentrated wine from the Cru vineyard of Chenonceaux. The balance between richness & acidity is just right, giving maturity to the wine." **90Pts** R. Voss - Wine Enthusiast