

Domaine de la Rochette



VINTAGE	2021
REGION	Loire Valley
APPELLATION	Touraine
VARIETAL	100% Sauvignon
ALCOHOL	12%
TERROIR	"Perruches" : clay with flints, silica and gravels. Mostly on slopes.
INFO	50 Ha (123.5 Acres) total vineyard & 20 Ha (49.42 Acres) devoted to the white wines. 10 & 30 year old vines Harvested Sept. 22nd to Oct. 1st 2021 - Pressing, Vinification between 16 & 18c, aging on lies in thermo-regulated steel tanks 3.7 Grs. Residual Sugar / L. - 3.6 Total acidity - Unfined / Filtered Sustainable Agriculture Practices - HVE 3, farm 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; Chenonceau, Amboise, Chambord, Blois. The vineyard is located on the sides of the river benefiting from a semi continental climate, on multiple terroirs and "Perruches" (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 and started to work with Domaine La ROCHETTE and Francois LECLAIR over 25 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! The yields are never exceeding 1 liter of juice per vine plant - gathering of the grapes is carried out with a maximum of respect - sorting before the setting in press - slow pressing and juices separation – racking before fermentation thermo-regulated vinification in stainless tanks.

Following a very mild winter and so early budding, the vines have been extremely affected by early April historical frost (14 freezing night in a row), especially on the higher parts of the slopes. Then, a rainy spring with necessary care and protection for the few grapes that survived the frost, and a very hot summer with numerous storms. Despite these climate's extremes, the few grapes left reached a very nice maturity and harvested by night on purpose for or the very time at the estate, to keep the freshness.

Tasting Notes:

Very bright & crisp nose on citrus fruits (lime, orange), with blackcurrant leaves notes & minty freshness. Harmonious, tonic, fruity & balanced palate, with a fine, seductive & persistent length.

Press Review:

"Fruity, herbal & mineral, this is a bright, crisp wine. It is very Sauvignon, with green fruits and citrus allied to a tangy, mineral edge." Roger Voss - Wine Enthusiast

2020 Vint. "Inviting flavors of grapefruit granita lemon ice mark this supple white ... mouthwatering finish." GS - Wine Spectator

"Wonderfully assertive nose of lime flowers, navel orange zest, wild shrub, mossy stone & white tea. Palate sings with flavors of savory crushed rocks, ocean spray, lemon pith & a long mineral finish'. NY Loire W. Buyer Selection 2021 Edition