

## Domaine de la Rochette

### Chenonceaux



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>Loire Valley</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>Touraine</b>
<b>VARIETAL</b>	100% Sauvignon
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	13 %
<b>TERROIR</b>	"Perruche" : clay with flints, silica and gravels. Mostly on slopes.
<b>INFO</b>	46 Ha (113.67 Acres) total vineyard & 4 Ha (9.88 Acres) devoted to the white Chenonceaux on 3 to 7% sloping plots oriented to Cher river.  Harvested Sept. 12th 2020 - 14 to 16c Low temperature fermentation - 6 to 8 hours skin maceration - 12 months aging on lees in thermo-regulated tanks for the 2020 3.6 Grs. R. Sugar - Unfined / Filtered  <b>Sustainable Agriculture Practices -HEV 3 certified having High Environmental Value</b>

#### 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. 2020 vintage has not been generous in yields but superb in quality, better in balance and maturity than 2019.

#### Tasting Notes:

"Bright and deep nose on white fruits, slightly of brioche, and lime hints. Starts fresh and gourmand, going on crunchy ripe fruits palate. Great length on finesse, freshness and fruitiness." *Vincent Leclair*

"Very pleasant nose... richness & freshness" *Gilbert & Gailard* 90 Pts

#### Press Review: **GOLD Medal** Sauvignon **Worldwide Challenge**

"A delicate and floral wine, with white blossom and key lime notes that are soft on the palate, lined by talclike minerality. The taut finish is rounded out with a hint of butter." 89 Pts K. *Bieler* - **Wine Spectator**