

## Domaine de la Rochette



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>Loire Valley</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>Touraine</b>
<b>VARIETAL</b>	100% Sauvignon
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	12.5 %
<b>TERROIR</b>	"Perruches" : clay with flints, silica and gravels. Mostly on slopes.
<b>INFO</b>	50 Ha (123.5 Acres) total vineyard & 20 Ha (49.42 Acres) devoted to the white wines. 10 & 30 year old vines  Harvested from Sept. 9th to 28th 2022- Pressing, Vinification between 16 & 18c, aging on lies in thermo-regulated steel tanks  1.5 Grs. Residual Sugar / L. - 3.9 Total acidity - Unfined / Filtered  <b>Sustainable Agriculture Practices - HVE 3, farm 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; 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.

2022 will for stay in memory, marked by severe heat waves and pronounced drought, affecting the vines differently depending on: *Soils*; The Bournais clay soils on plateau behaved better than the 1eres Cotes - *Age of the vines*; thanks to their deeper rooting, old vines suffered less - *Culture*; travail du sol has kept a certain freshness, and *Root-stock*; the "tracant" ones with vertical and therefore deeper rooting, behaved better. This weather did also seriously reduced the necessary treatments. Harvesting done by night & early morning to have berries at cooler temperature.

### Tasting Notes:

Vincent did superbly well with this challenging hot weather and keeping delivering all what we wish from Touraine & sauvignon: Fresh, citrusy and zesty nose, with anise and box-wood notes. Juicy, tasty, crisp and tonic palate in perfect balance, aromatic fresh length. Terrific work on this vintage!

### Press Review: Soon to come

2021 Vint. "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 ... GS - Wine Spectator

"Wonderfully assertive nose of lime flowers, navel orange zest, wild shrub, mossy stone & white tea. Palate sings with flavors..." NY Loire W. Buyer Selection 2021 Edition