

## Domaine Gouron

### Le Bois d'Arçon



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>Loire Valley</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>Chinon</b>
<b>VARIETAL</b>	100% Cabernet Franc
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14 %
<b>TERROIR</b>	Turonian limestone, with more clay at the top of the hill, and yellow tuffeau lower on the slope.
<b>INFO</b>	28 Ha (69 acres) total vineyard for the domaine. "Le Bois d'Arçon" is a single 2.5 Ha lieu-dit with 10 year old vines.  100% destemmed with long fermentation in thermo-regulated stainless tanks, then 1 year ageing in concrete tanks  Unfined / Filtered

#### NEW CUVÉE

**Sustainable Agriculture Practices**

#### About the Estate:

Domaine GOURON is an exceptional third generation family estate in Cravant-les-Coteaux, first established and planted by the Gouron family right after WWII. The 28 hectare (69 acre) domaine comprises of over 30 parcels, entirely located within the Chinon Appellation d'Origine Protégée.

Great care is taken in the vineyard to achieve complete ripeness and naturally low yields, 40 hL / Ha on average. To reach the desired concentration and expression from their Cabernet Franc, the Gouron family utilizes green-covering in each row, systematic debudding, very short pruning and reduced foliage.

Each small parcel is harvested and vinified separately in order to keep and reveal the expression of each terroir. Traditional fermentation starts with a "pied de cuve" of natural yeast. Instead of remontage, a unique process of "infusion instead of extraction" by gently separating the cap. This leads to a generous and gourmand style that reveals lots of complexity, with silky tannins fully in balance.

Historic cellars extend into the chalky hillside under the estate for hundreds of meters and offer the perfect natural conditions for aging and storage of the Domaine GOURON wines. We tasted the wines from more than 20 different Chinon producers within 4 years before selecting the superb wines and talents of Domaine GOURON.

"Le Bois d'Arçon" is a NEW cuvee for 2020, from a single parcel of 2.5 Ha on prized limestone terroir of yellow tuffeau, famous for giving the best Chinon Cabernet Francs power, minerality, and elegance. **Truly exceptional!**

#### Tasting Notes: DENSE & LUSCIOUS - BLACK FRUITS - MINT

Luscious with black cherries, raspberry, with rich reflections of earthy coffee and amaretto, then enveloping with almost exotic aromatics of toasted cumin and violet florals underlying the ripe fruit. Really dense and softly layered on the palate, showing the care taken to gently extract flavors and concentration. Velvety on the tannins with a lifted, slightly minty finish, this is **a luxurious Chinon!**

#### Food Pairing:

Perfect with poultry and wild mushrooms, game birds, cured meats.

#### Press Review:

« This is showing aromas of tobacco, black plums, currants and sage. Medium-bodied with **creamy tannins and a delicious salty and smoky undertone.** » 91 Points James Suckling