

DOMAINE LA CLEF DU RECIT

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Story

La Clef du Récit is situated in Vinon, 7 km south of Sancerre. The Estate was taken over in 2012 by Anthony Girard, a dynamic young winemaker, after having the opportunity to purchase an 8.5 hectares of first class vineyards nearby the small village of Récy (hence the name) in the southern part of the appellation.

Today, the estate covers 16 hectares and produces Sancerre, Menetou-Salon and Quincy appellations, in the respect of the vine and the soils to find the balance reflecting the local terroir.

Farming philosophy : Sustainable (HVE 3)

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 100% Pinot Noir

Plot Size : 1 ha (2,47 acres)

Average age of the vines : 40 years

Elevation : 250-300m

Soils : 50% flint, 50% limestone (« caillottes »)

FARMING PRACTICES

- Training method : Guyot simple
- Control the harvest potential according to the size and the soils
- Depending on the vintage : covered crops or in-row tillage
- Organic fertilization
- No herbicide

Winemaking

- Hand picked grapes / Destemmed (100%)
- Cold pre fermentation maceration : 1 month
- Yeast : Indigenous and selected
- Fermentation in tronconic concrete tanks / 21 days at 82,4°F
- Pneumatic press
- Aging : 12 months in seasoned oak barrels and 5 months in stainless steel tank
- Fined : No
- Filtration : No
- SO2 Total : <100ppm Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

This perfumed wine is ripe, structured with a core of dry tannins. Smoky black-cherry flavors come through strongly, allied to acidity and a dry core.



Press ratings

91 pts Wine Enthusiast – Vintage 2019

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