

DOMAINE DU VIEIL ORME

CRÉMANT DE LOIRE – GABRIEL BRUT

LOIRE

Story

Domaine du Vieil Orme is a family-owned estate located in the tiny village of Saint-Julien de Chédon, just 3 miles from Chenonceaux and its beautiful Renaissance castle, in the heart of the Loire Valley. The history of the estate dates back to 1849 and today, Laurent Benoist runs a 12.6-hectares vineyard covering appellations like Touraine, Touraine Chenonceaux and Crémant de Loire.

Farming philosophy : Sustainable (Certified HVE 3)

Plot selection : la Grosse Borne, le Clos du Chevreau, l'Ormeau

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 44% Chardonnay, 43% Chenin, 12% Orbois

Plot size : 1,27 ha (3,1 Acres)

Average age of the vines : 25-30 years

East facing

Elevation : 100m (330 ft)

Soils : Clay-limestone and clay with flint on the slopes facing the Cher river

FARMING PRACTICES

- Training method : Guyot
- No herbicides
- Cover crops
- Organic fertilizer

Winemaking

- Hand picked grapes/ Whole bunches
- Pneumatic press
- Indigenous yeast
- Fermentation : temperature-controlled stainless-steel tank / 30 days – no malolactic fermentation
- Aging : 18-24 months minimum on slat
- Disgorgement : Yes
- Dosage : 3 g/l (extra-brut)
- Fined : Yes
- Filtration : Yes
- SO2 : <100ppm Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

A bouquet of white flowers with a beautiful aromatic complexity : acacia, lily, white fruits, melissa, apricot. Good freshness on the palate, very smooth with very delicate floral aromas and a long finish.

