

DOMAINE DU VIEIL ORME

TOURAINES CHENONCEAUX - INPHINI

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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 : le Coteau, les Feuilleux, les Plantes

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 60% Côt (malbec), 40% Cabernet

Plot size : 2 ha (5 Acres)

Average age of the vines : 25-30 years

South-East facing

Elevation : 100m (330 ft)

Soils : Clay and flint on the slopes facing the Cher river

FARMING PRACTICES

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

Winemaking

- Mechanical harvest / Destemmed and sorted
- Cold pre-fermentation maceration : 7 days at 45°F
- Indigenous yeast
- Fermentation : Stainless-steel tank / 30 days
- Maceration technique : pump overs and micro-oxygenation
- Pneumatic press
- Separation of press and free-run juices
- Aging : 24 months in stainless steel tank with micro-oxygenation / on fine lees
- Fined : No
- Filtration : Yes
- SO2 Total : <50ppm Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

Complex nose of stewed red fruits and fine spices. Beautiful structure on the palate, with peppery spices and notes of roasting.

