

DOMAINE DU VIEIL ORME

TOURAINE 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 Clos du Chevreau, Bellevue

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Plot size : 1.03 ha (2.54 acres)

Average age of the vines : 20-25 years

South East facing

Elevation : 100m (330 ft)

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

FARMING PRACTICES

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

Winemaking

- Mechanical harvest at night / Destemmed 100%
- Pneumatic press
- Cold settling : 7 days at 45°F
- Indigenous yeasts
- Fermentation : temperature-controlled stainless steel tank / 30 days - no malolactic fermentation
- Aging : 12 months in stainless-steel tank / on fine lees with stirring
- Fined : Yes
- Filtration : Yes
- SO₂ : <100ppm Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

Aromas of quince, tropical fruits : passion fruit, mango, litchi and citrus notes : grapefruit, lime. Round palate and long finish on floral and candied citrus notes. Good freshness.



Press ratings :

91 pts Wine Enthusiast – 2019 vintage