

DOMAINE DU VIEIL ORME

PET NAT : PÉTILLANT NATUREL

Story

Domaine du Vieil Orme is a family-owned estate located in the 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 producing Touraine, Touraine Chenonceaux and Crémant de Loire.

Farming philosophy : Sustainable (Certified HVE 3)

What's Pet Nat ? This is a new cuvée launched by the Estate in 2022.

A sparkling wine made in the ancestral method. The wine is bottled before primary fermentation is finished, without addition of secondary yeasts or sugars. It is traditionally cloudy, unfiltered and often bottled with a crown cap.

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 100% Côt

Plot size : 0,6 ha (1,48 acres)

Average age of the vines : 35-40 years

South facing

Elevation : 100m (330 ft)

Soils : flint cloy soils

FARMING PRACTICES

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

Winemaking

- Hand picked grapes / Whole bunches
- Pneumatic press
- Indigenous yeast
- Partial fermentation : temperature-controlled stainless steel tank
- Freezing of 98% of volume / 3 days at 35,6°F
- Fined : Yes
- Filtration : Yes (98% of the volume)
- Second fermentation in the bottle (2% of the unfiltered volume used for its yeasts)
- No dosage
- SO₂ : <100ppm Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

Aromas and flavors of fresh strawberry, blood orange, orange zest.

Very refreshing and crisp palate, supported by a light fizziness and a yeasty note on the finish.

