

# DOMAINE DU VIEIL ORME

## TOURAINE – SAUVIGNON BLANC

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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 : les Feuilleux, le Coteau, la Fontaine, la Grosse Borne, le Clos du Chevreau, l'Ormeau

### Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 100% Sauvignon

Plot size : 3 ha (7,4 acres)

Average age of the vines : 15-20 years

North East facing

Elevation : 100m

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

- Mechanical harvest/ Destemmed 100%
- Pneumatic press
- Cold settling : 7 days at 45°F
- Fermentation : temperature-controlled stainless-steel tank / 30 days - no malolactic fermentation
- Aging : 3 months in stainless steel tank / on fine lees
- Fined : Yes
- Filtration : Yes
- SO<sub>2</sub> : <100ppm
- Vegan : Yes

### Tasting notes

An elegant and aromatic white with great freshness, crisp minerality, and citrus fruit notes. It shows a delicate balance with a long mouthwatering finish.



### Press rating

90 pts Wine Enthusiast – 2023 vintage

90 pts Best Buy, Wine Enthusiast - 2022 vintage

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