

CHÂTEAU DE FOSSE-SECHE

VIN DE FRANCE « ÉOLITHE »

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Story

The origins of the Château de Fosse-Sèche go back to the Middle Ages. The estate's vocation as a winegrower dates back to the time of the Benedictine order, which planted the first vines there over 800 years ago.

Today, the domain is run by two passionate twin brothers Guillaume and Adrien Pire and their respective partners; : Adrien in charge of the vineyard and Guillaume of the winemaking.. The family has owned the estate since 1998, moving from their vineyard in Madagascar and travelled through France in search of a place to settle, where respect for the fauna and flora is their priority.

With respect of the terroir, only 15 hectares are planted out of the 45 hectares estate; 8ha Cabernet Franc, 1ha Cabernet Sauvignon, 5.5ha Chenin Blanc and 0.5ha Chardonnay.

Farming practices : Organic (Ecocert) & Biodynamic (Biodyvin)

Vineyard Information

- Grape varieties : 99% Cabernet Franc, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Average age of the vines : 10-60 years
- Terroir : Edge of Brossay Plateau, Jurrassic flint (silex) & gravely clay soils. Without limestone (tuffeau) like the rest of Saumur.
- Vineyard: slightly convex and therefore provides a cool and windy exposure for the vines.

Point of note: Fauna and flora preservation. Nationally recognized bird sanctuary, on site apiary, goat herd, creation of a pond, plantation of hedges and trees, pollen fallows and various crops.

FARMING PRACTICES

- No chemicals in the vineyards

Winemaking

- 100% Handpicked grapes, several sortings & destemmed
- Natural fermentation in egg-shaped concrete tanks and beer transportation (horizontal) tank.
- Aging on the lees 14 months.
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation (depending on the vintage)

Tasting notes

Freshness and iron-scented floral and fruity expression of violets and licorice as well as perfectly ripe cherries, cranberries, black and red currants and black berries. Pure, fresh and silky on the palate, with delicate tannins and the gorgeously ripe and immaculate juice of ripe black berries, cassis and cherries again,



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