

DOMAINE DE NOIRÉ

Val de Loire Chardonnay

Sun-ripe and smooth as silk: the most satisfying and serious wines from Touraine hail from the cellars of Domaine de Noiré in Chinon. Winemaker Jean-Max Manceau, a Chinon native, has long been a champion of the region's terroir and his own wines set a higher standard for the qualitative levels that Chinon can achieve. What sets Noiré apart is not only its impeccable terroir but also its fierce dedication to sustainable winemaking, having been certified organic for years. Manceau's wines strike a balance between playful and profound—delicate perfumes reveal a multilayered mouthful of summer-ripe fruit and spice with each sip.



WINERY: Domaine de Noiré

WINEMAKER: Jean-Max Manceau

ESTABLISHED: 2001

REGION: FRANCE • Loire Valley • Chinon

APPELLATION: Val de Loire IGP

BLEND: 100% Chardonnay

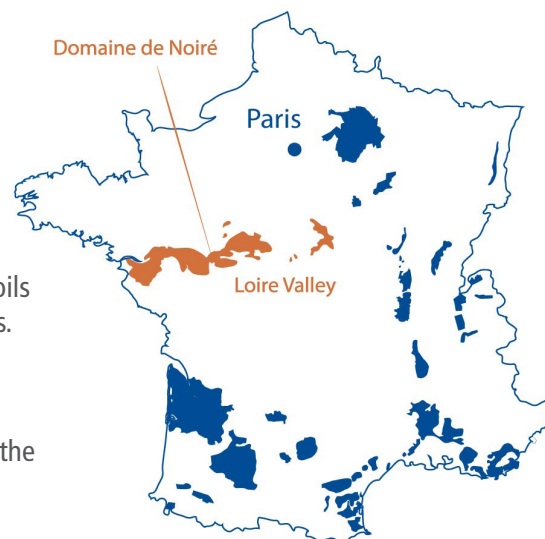
VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards, owned by the winemaker's grandparents decades ago and recently rebought and replanted, are found on alluvial soils with subsoils of clay/limestone just outside the Chinon appellation borders.

AGE OF VINES: 10 to 20 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Pressed and fermented on indigenous yeasts in older French barrique (two- to five-year old); aged in barrique in the estate's cold underground cellars. Malolactic conversion not allowed.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of tropical fruit (pineapple) and green fruit (apple, pear). Fresh and lively, with a hint of nutty complexity (like Meursault).

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: With charcuterie or fresh goat's cheese; salads; grilled chicken with herbs



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