



DOMAINE DE NOIRÉ

Chinon Rouge 'Caractère'

Violet-scented, smooth as silk and tangy: the most satisfying Cabernet Franc wines 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 hallmark grape, and his own wines set the standard for the heights Chinon can achieve. What sets Domaine de Noiré apart is not only its impeccable terroir but also its understanding of the potential of old-vine Cabernet Franc in Chinon, one of the few Loire appellations dedicated to red wines. Manceau's wines strike a balance between playful and profound—delicate floral perfumes reveal a multilayered mouthful of summer-ripe fruit and spices with each sip.



WINERY: Domaine de Noiré

WINEMAKER: Jean-Max Manceau

ESTABLISHED: 2001

REGION: FRANCE • Loire Valley • Chinon

APPELLATION: Chinon AOC

BLEND: 100% Cabernet Franc

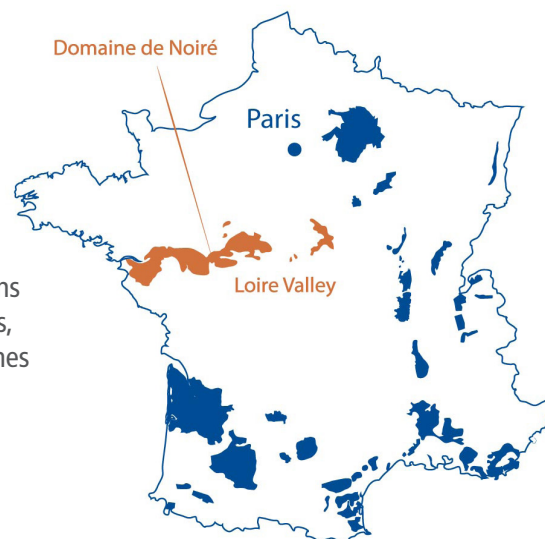
VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards, facing south, are located between the towns of Chinon and Cravant on a series of gravel terraces with clay-rich subsoils, which helps prevent stress in dryer years. This selection of older vines comes from a section with more limestone subsoils.

AGE OF VINES: 45 to 70 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Grapes cold macerate for 48 hours in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Fermented on indigenous yeasts. Aged in 400-liter, older French oak barrels for 13 months.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of ripe raspberry, dark cherries, baking spices, toast, cocoa powder. Structured yet supple, with grippy tannins.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Roasted pork with stone fruits; grilled chicken with herbs



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