



DOMAINE DE NOIRÉ

Chinon Rouge 'Dolia'

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 lieu-dit 'Noiré' faces full south and is one of the estate's most valued vineyards for Cabernet Franc. Soils are pure "tuffeau," the classic chalky, fine-grained limestone of the Loire Valley.

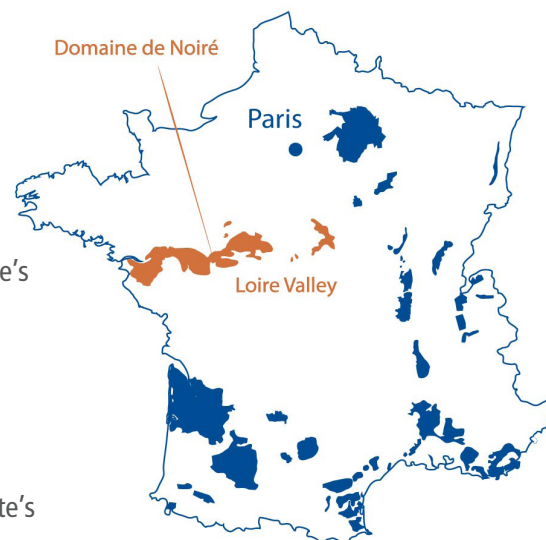
AGE OF VINES: 45 to 70 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Whole-berry fermentation in terracotta amphorae on indigenous yeasts and at low temperatures for 30-40 days. Aged in amphorae on fine lees for one year, in the coldest part of the estate's cellars, carved into the regional "tuffeau" rock.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of raspberry, dark cherries, spring purple flowers. Silky tannins, richly textured; fresh and balanced.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Roasted pork with stone fruits; duck breast

NOTES: A "dolium" is the Latin name for a terracotta amphora that's specifically made for wine; often up to 3,000L in volume, and tulip-shaped



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