

## DOMAINE MUSSET-ROULLIER

### Anjou Rouge 'Les Neuf Vingt'

Located between Angers and Nantes, this modest estate in the petite village of La Pommeraye enjoys a particularly warm microclimate, which helps to push grapes to perfect ripeness, even in cooler years. This long-time family winery, now under new ownership, is located on the banks of the Loire River where the region's native Cabernet Franc and Chenin Blanc grapes have pride of place. From a selection of delicately fruity Anjou Rouge wines to their spring-lively Anjou Blanc, wines are fermented and aged in tank to preserve every bit of fresh, ripe fruit.

**WINERY:** Domaine Musset-Roullier

**WINEMAKERS:** Alexis Morineau

**ESTABLISHED:** 1994

**REGION:** FRANCE • Loire Valley • La Pommeraye

**APPELLATION:** Anjou AOC

**BLEND:** 100% Cabernet Franc

**VINEYARDS:** A selection of fruit from estate parcels facing north, planted on dark, richly mineral schist soils.

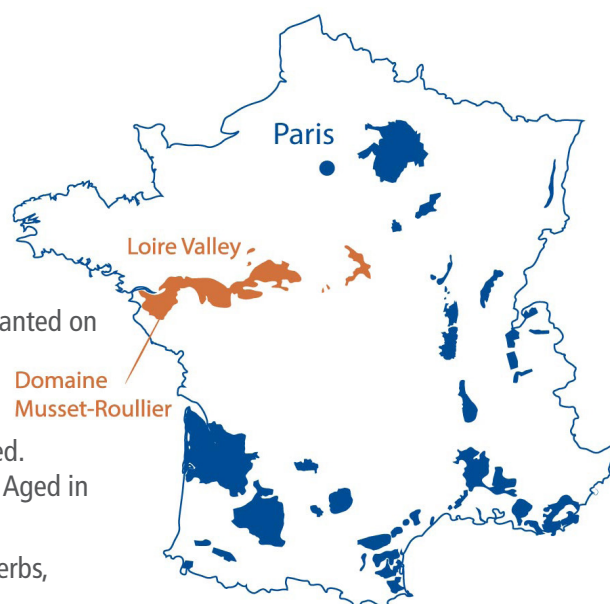
**AGE OF VINES:** 25 years, on average

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Destemmed; briefly cold macerated. Fermented at moderate temperatures on indigenous yeasts in tank. Aged in tank for 12 months.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas suggest red fruits, violets, light herbs, cherries. Tangy, refined, ripe: moderate tannins.

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Roasted chicken with fresh herbs; regional goat cheese; French pâté with green peppercorns

**NOTES:** "Neuf-Vingt" translates as 9/20, a fraction of a harvest. In medieval times, free peasants worked the land for the nobility and paid "rent" with the product of their labors. (This social system is called "metayage.") The landlord's share of the crop, of course, was the "best" part of the harvest.



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