

DOMAINE DE LA PIERRE GRAVÉE Vouvray Sec 'Inspirations' 2022

The "pierre gravée" or carved stone of this unique estate is the passion of winemaker Philippe Guyonnet, who fell in love with Chenin Blanc and its endless potential here in the Vallée Coquette and purchased a small collection of excellent vineyards with well-kept, low-yielding ancient vines. The fruit of this great terroir is then treated to extended aging in Philippe's chilly underground cellars, a slow maturation that teases out infinite layers of enticing perfume and flavor. This family estate and its rare, handcrafted wines represent a new, exciting chapter in the long history of this great Loire appellation, one that just may be its finest yet.

WINERY: Domaine de la Pierre Gravée **WINEMAKER:** Philippe Guyonnet

ESTABLISHED: 2021

REGION: FRANCE • Loire Valley • Vouvray

APPELLATION: Vouvray AOC **BLEND:** 100% Chenin Blanc

VINEYARDS: A selection of small, estate-owned and older-vine vineyards that are low yielding, facing south on a windy plateau in the Vallée Coquette, west of the village of Vouvray. Soils combine the classic "tuffeau" of the region, a soft limestone, with iron-rich, brown clay and flint (silex).

AGE OF VINES: 50 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Pressed directly and cold settled overnight; fermented on indigenous yeasts in 228L barrels. Malolactic conversion not allowed. Aged in barrel for 18 months on fine lees. Blended in tank and aged for six months before bottling unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of pear, white peach, hazelnut and fresh almond; light brioche, wild herbs. Full-bodied and textured, silky with rich flavors of mixed citrus; long

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Leek tart; white fish in beurre blanc; cracked crab

