

## La Varenne

### Les Pierres Blanches



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>Loire Valley</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>Chinon</b>
<b>VARIETAL</b>	100% Cabernet Franc
<b>TERROIR</b>	Gravelly soil on slopes
<b>INFO</b>	28 Ha (69.18 Acres) total vineyard & 4 Ha (9.88 Acres) devoted to Les Pierres Blanches 50 year old vines Aging in thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks Unfined / Filtered

**Sustainable Agriculture Practices**

#### About the Estate:

The GOURON Family has been producing wine for five generations in their estate of Cravant les Coteaux. La VARENNE is entirely located within the Chinon Appellation d'Origine Protégée and more precisely in the reputed Cravant les Coteaux village.

Throughout the year, they take great care of their vines to get the best maturity and natural lower yields. To reach the desired concentration and expression from their Cabernet Franc, the Gouron family utilizes green-covering in each row, very short pruning and reduced foliage. Each parcel is harvested and vinified separately in order to keep and reveal the expression of each terroir.

Caves under the hillside of the estate extend for several hundreds of meters and offer the perfect natural temperature conditions for aging and storage of the La VARENNE wines. We tasted the wines from more than 20 different producers within 4 years before making our decision for a Chinon. La VARENNE is the "conclusion" of this very careful survey, and we are simply proud of this gem.

Made from 50-year-old vines on predominantly gravelly soils, Les Pierres Blanches cuvee is aged in tanks to preserve the fruit. It results in a deep and structured wine, with a great length and complex cassis and spices notes.

#### Tasting Notes:

« This pure Cabernet franc is pleasant thanks to its warm bouquet of red fruit, its rich palate of well-matured tannins & jamed savors. A vin de plaisir. »

« Juicy, with bramble, blackberry and plum coulis notes flecked with olive and iron hints through the ripe finish. Elegant, showing the cut and balance to age. »

#### Press Review:

« The olive, blackberry and tobacco notes are all meshed here, with a brambly edge driving the medium-weight finish. » - 89 Points, JM, Wine Spectator, Web Only 2013