

Domaine de la Rochette



VINTAGE	2015
REGION	Loire Valley
APPELLATION	Touraine
VARIETAL	100% Sauvignon
TERROIR	"Perruche" : clay with flints, silica and gravels. Mostly on slopes.
INFO	46 Ha (113.67 Acres) total vineyard & 15 Ha (37.06 Acres) devoted to the white wines 10 and 30 year old vines Vinification and aging in thermo-regulated steel tanks Fined (pending vintage) / Filtered Sustainable Agriculture Practices

About the Estate:

Domaine de la ROCHETTE is located in Pouille, a small wine village on the slopes of the Cher River, hearth of the Loire Valley, nestled among some of the most beautiful and reputed Chateaux of the region; Chenonceau, Amboise, Chambord, Blois. The vineyard is located on the sides of the river benefiting from a semi continental climate, on multiple terroirs and "perruche" (made of clay-with-flints, silica and gravels). Most of the parcels – especially for the Sauvignon – are in "premiere Cotes" with a beautiful exposure and rather important slope, perfect for natural drainage.

Family estate for 4 generations, we discovered and started to work with Domaine La ROCHETTE and Francois LECLAIR 15 years ago... The son Vincent is now adding a modern touch in the vinification without hiding tradition and of course, the terroir expression of this clean, fresh and zesty Touraine Sauvignon!

The yields are never exceeding 1 liter of juice per vine plant - gathering of the grapes is carried out with a maximum of respect - sorting before the setting in press slow pressing and juices separation – racking before fermentation and of course, thermo-regulated vinification in stainless tanks.

2015 was an extremely sunny and very hot year with not a lot of rain till the harvesting. Sauvignon on silica and gravels terroir did suffer a bit the scorcher (less on clayey terroir), 30% lower yields but...delivering so concentrated white and exotic fruits' aromas!

Tasting Notes:

Thanks to a proportion of clay soils in addition to the flint and silica « perruches » terroir, 2015 La Rochette is superbly ripe, juicy and fruity, keeping zesty and fresh nose. Citrusy, bright and rich nose and palate balance and harmony, with the flinty and earthy fine touches.

Press Review:

« Lean, with tangy gooseberry and thyme notes, staying taut through the finish. » - JM, Wine Spectator, Issue: Nov. 30, 2016

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