

## Domaine Gouron

### Cuvée Terroir



<b>VINTAGE</b>	2011
<b>REGION</b>	Loire Valley
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Chinon
<b>VARIETAL</b>	100% Cabernet Franc
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	13%
<b>TERROIR</b>	Gravelly soils on slopes
<b>INFO</b>	28 Ha (39.18 Acres) total vineyard & 4 Ha (9.88 Acres) devoted to Cuvée Terroir 50 year old vines Aging in thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks Unfined / Filtered

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#### About the Estate:

The GOURON Family has been producing wine for five generations in their estate of Cravant les Coteaux. Their Domaine GOURON is entirely located within the Chinon Appellation d'Origine Protégée.

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 Domaine GOURON wines. We tasted the wines from more than 20 different producers within 4 years before making our decision for a Chinon. Domaine GOURON 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, the Cuvée Terroir 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:

Ready now and incredibly fresh! Cherries and minty notes. More racy and deep Cabernet-Franc palate with leather touches, ending on prunes' bones and blackcurrant... yes, cut and balance to age confirmed!

#### Food Pairing:

Seared duck breast with savory thyme and blackberry sauce; or beef tenderloin with sautéed smoked bacon and mushroom topping. - Craig Heffley, NC

#### Press Review:

Soon to come.

2010 Vintage: 89 Points, Wine Spectator, Web Only 2013

2009 Vintage: 91 Points, Wine Spectator, Issue: Oct 15, 2011