

Domaine de la Rochette

Pinot Noir



VINTAGE	2016
REGION	Loire Valley
APPELLATION	Vin de Pays du Val de Loire IGP
VARIETAL	100% Pinot Noir
ALCOHOL	12%
TERROIR	"Perruches" : clay with flints, silica and gravels slopes overlooking the Cher.
INFO	46 Ha (113.67 Acres) total vineyard & 2.4 Ha (5.78 Acres) single plot of Pinot Noir. 40 to 50 year old vines. Vinification and aging in thermo-regulated steel tanks Fined / 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, providing clean, fresh and zesty Touraine Sauvignon!

Domaine la ROCHETTE is also producing so attractive Red wines from plots on slopes overlooking the Cher, with the perfect exposures for the optimum Gamay and Pinot Noir maturity.

Following 2 years of exchanges with Vincent LECLAIR; several pre-blend red grapes tastings from each plots, vinification process considering the vintages, we are SO excited to suggest and start with the 2016 Vintage, a 100% Pinot Noir. Made from a single 5.78 acres plot of 40 to 50 year old vines overlooking the Cher on this precious Perruches terroir.

1 target: Touraine signature - with soft peppery and earthy underwood touches - on a fresh and yummy Pinot Noir cherries' expression and length.

Tasting Notes:

"Undeniably fresh, this gorgeous Pinot exhibits Touraine's signature flavors of soft pepper, earth and Rainer cherries. Finishing with good length, this is one of the best value Pinot's we can remember." *P. Bouculat - Wine Cellars of Annapolis*

Food Pairing:

Producer suggests chocolate cake with red fruits.

Press Review:

Soon to come.