



Domaine du Pas Saint Martin

Region: Loire

Village: Doué la Fontaine

Appellation: 16ha Saumur Anjou Coteaux du Layon

Grower: Laurent Charrier

Website: <https://www.lepassaintmartin.fr/>

Domaine du Pas Saint Martin is set among troglodyte caves formed out of ancient fossilized marine life that covered the Saumur region 10 million years ago. During the Middle Ages these caves served the Protestants as secret places of worship.

Laurent Charrier and his mother run the domaine which is a certified organic farm. Laurent's father was not interested in producing wine and thus in 1994 when Laurent took over the responsibility of the domaine, he picked up where his grandfather had left off. He immediately set out to acquire certification for organic farming which he received in 1997. The family vineyards are a bit spread out with small holdings in Anjou and Coteaux du Layon in addition to their primary vineyard in Saumur. The average age of the vines is 25 years with a good part being older than 35 years. Vinification is carried out in temperature controlled stainless steel vats.

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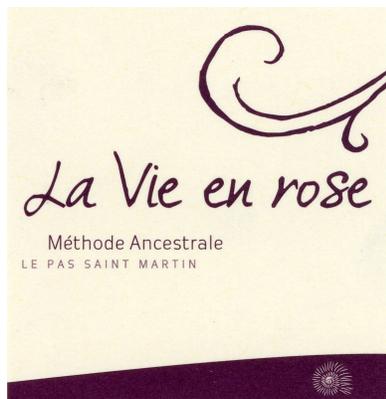
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La Vie en Rose

La Vie en Rose is produced in the “Methode Ancestrale”. This method pre-dates the “Methode Champenoise” and employs one interrupted fermentation rather than an induced second fermentation. Centuries ago fermentation would stop naturally or at least retard due to the cooling temperatures in the late fall and winter. The warmer temperatures of spring would reenergize and recommence the fermentation. The “Methode Ancestrale” takes advantage of this natural cycle by taking the partially fermented juice and bottling it in the spring where it finishes its fermentation. Laurent Charrier makes this sparkling wine from Grolleau Noir that is grown in his Anjou vineyard . Grolleau Noir is a centuries old grape type native to the Loire and one that is used primarily in Rosé d’Anjou.



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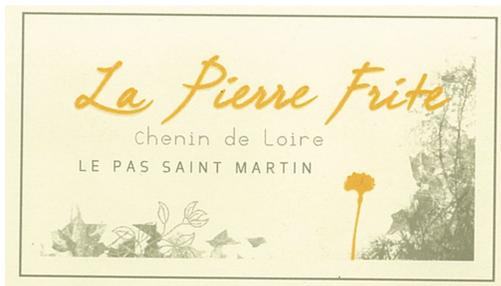
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Saumur Blanc “La Pierre Frite”

The Saumur Blanc is produced from 100% Chenin Blanc that grow in siliceous-limestone soils. Vinification methods include the settling of the must “debourbage” which concentrates the flavors, and extended contact with the lees to enrich the wine. There is no malo-lactic fermentation resulting in a wine that offers springtime aromas and a refreshing palate.





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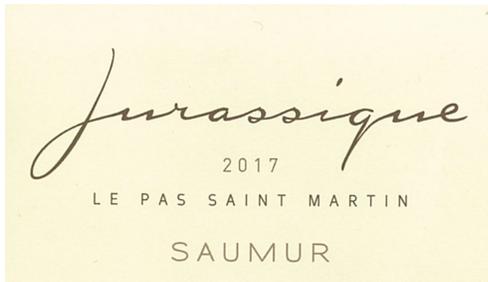
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Saumur Blanc “Jurassique”

The “Jurassique” cuvée is produced from a parcel of 80 year old chenin blanc vines. The yield from this parcel is on average 30hl/ha. After a natural settling of the juice, it is fermented in stainless steel tanks and then matured for less than a year in French oak barrels of one and two years. The wine combines expressive aromatics, a rich mouth feel and great length supported by the wine’s vibrant acidity.



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Saumur Rouge “La Pierre Frites”

The Saumur Rouge “Pierres Frites” is produced from Cabernet Franc that is grown in siliceous-limestone soils. The grapes are de-stemmed and then fermented in stainless steel vats. The maceration lasts about ten days and the fermentation temperature is controlled. The objective is to produce an expressive wine not burdened by harsh tannins.



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