AP WINE IMPORTS

DOMAINE LES MAISONS ROUGES

Coteaux du Loir Rouge Garance

The Estate: Established in 1994 by Benoit and Elisabeth Jardin among Jasnières vineyards. Expanded to 10 hectares (2 ha red, 5 ha white, 3 ha other). Certified organic in 2007 and biodynamic (Biodyvin) in 2009. Emphasizes terroir minerality over fruit with minimal sulfur use.

Location: Coteaux du Loir, Loire Valley, France.

Age of the Vines: 10 to 50 years old

Soil: Sandy-clay loam heavily loaded with flint and quartz on a bedrock of clay with perrons, or flint nodules

Vines: Organic and biodynamic. Manual harvest.

Vinification: Maceration by punching down; fermentation in barrels. Clarification by racking, no filtration. Vinified without sulfur until bottled.

Aging: In barrels for 12 months sur lies.

Tasting Notes: Light in color, which suggests a delicate wine, however the surprisingly intense bouquet leaps from the glass with aromas of fruit, pepper, and flowers. On the palate, powerful yet elegant with notes of cherry, raspberry, and pepper.

