AP WINE IMPORTS

DOMAINE LES MAISONS ROUGES

Coteaux du Loir Sec Dans les Perrons

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: 8-15 years old

Soil: Eocene (tertiary era) terroir on a bedrock of perrons, or flint nodules, and clay. Sandy loam with 80-90% flint and quartz on the surface and 40% on average in the subsoil. Excessively stony, combined with drying ventilation.

Vines: Organic and biodynamic. Harvested manually in mid-October into boxes.

Varietals: 100% Chenin Blanc

Vinification: Fermented in oak barrels with indigenous yeasts. Unfiltered.

Aging: 13 months in oak barrels; no added sulfites when bottling.

Tasting Notes: Very fresh and pleasant to drink; blossom and peach aromas dominate, complemented by a distinct minerality and fresh woodsy notes. Round and creamy on the palate.

Food Pairing: Aromatic dishes such as risotto, or desserts made with exotic fruit.

