

## 2020 Thierry Delaunay Sauvignon Blanc, AOC Touraine

### *History of the Winery*

The property has passed from father to son for 5 generations.

In 1965, Joël Delaunay took over the business, and the domaine took the name by which it is still known today. He began selling wine bottled on the premises in 1970, starting with private sales, and moving into export in 1980.

During the past 40 years, the domaine has never stopped expanding. Planting of vines, construction of cellar and showroom, and development of a winery equipped with the latest technology.

After completing his oenology studies in the Bordeaux region, Thierry Delaunay returned to the domaine and joined the business in 1998. In 2004 he succeeded his father Joël, from whom he had inherited a wealth of knowledge and winemaking skills. Today he continues the family tradition, furthering the development of this beautiful property on the banks of the Cher.

The property has been certified for sustainable agriculture since 2006, thereby contributing to the conservation of our environment in the spirit of 'enduring viticulture'. Any interventions are made after daily, close observation of the vineyards and consideration of factors such as temperature, rainfall and risk of disease.



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**Retail Price: \$16.95**

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**Product # 391847**

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2022**

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**Variety:** Sauvignon Blanc

**Vintage:** 2020

**Region:** Situated in the heart of the Châteaux of the Loire between Chenonceaux and Chambord, 50 kms to the East of Tours on the left bank of the Cher. Domaine Joël Delaunay covers an area of 27 hectares in AOC Touraine, in the commune of Pouillé.

**Winemaker:** Marie & Thierry Delaunay

**Vinification:** Skin contact maceration 50%. Pneumatic pressing of grapes. Alcoholic fermentation at 16°C

**Alcohol:** 12.5%

**Soil:** The clay and flint soils or 'perruches' bring a full expression of the terroir to our red wines, and the less stony 'bournais' soils allow the white and rosé wines to express all their finesse. Our vineyards are subject to a gentle, temperate climate with maritime influences, allowing our grapes to ripen to full maturity.

**Sweetness Description:** XD—Extra Dry

**Maturation:** On fine lees with weekly stirring for 3 months

**Tasting Notes:** from Vintages at LCBO

"The Delaunay family have made wine here for five generations, and their Sauvignon Blancs are benchmark examples of the style. This one will have a tasty mix of gooseberry, citrus and mineral, with some exotic flashes of tropical fruit, and will delight until 2023."

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### ACCOLADES:

#### Dean Tudor - Score 92

Touraine is my fave go to region for sauvignon blanc, principally because it is so value-driven. You get a lot of bang for your buck: freshness, ripe peaches and melons, some cut grass (but not too zesty as in Kiwi land). Good finishing citrus acidity. This was the freshest wine of the tasting pack of six. Great with a cheese platter and/or sushi. Tasted July 2021

#### Wine Align -

David Lawrason: 90 points

This is a tidy and fresh sauvignon with very fine aromas of grapefruit, green apple, white flowers and fresh cut grass. It is medium bodied, balanced, fairly fleshy and bright. The focus and length are excellent. More layered and complex than I expected. A very pleasant surprise and great value. Tasted April 2022

Sara D'Amato: 87 points

"This zesty number has Touraine written all over it. Dry with a slightly vegetal character, sweet lemon and a distinctive brininess to the palate. Easy-drinking and uncomplicated." Tasted June 2021.