

2018 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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Oct 12, 2019**

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Variety: Sauvignon Blanc

Vintage: 2018

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: Pale lemon in colour with a powerful, expressive & complex nose (exotic fruits, blackcurrant buds, grapefruit, peach) as well as some floral notes. Well-balanced, long & rich on the palate. Seductively fresh & fruity. Drink chilled (10°C) with fish, oysters & other seafood, or as an aperitif. Cellaring Potential: 2 years. Best drunk within a year of purchase.

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ACCOLADES FOR 2017 VINTAGE:

Great value here with this Old World style Sauvignon Blanc from the Loire. Thierry Delaunay Touraine (2017) is bone dry with gooseberry, citrus and a flinty minerality characteristic of the Loire region with its sandy, chalky and flinty clay soils. Excellent Old World Sauvignon Blanc that has the herbal grassy power and concentration of a New World wine. Pure lime focus in this mouth-watering, medium-bodied French white wine. This Sauvignon Blanc is zesty expression of the Loire Valley soil and climate with a soft yellow-gold colour and crisp finish. Pair it with fresh fish or drink as an aperitif. There's an attractive yellow-gold hue with green tints. Finishes brightly with lemon zest. Pair with vegetarian dishes. Best Value Wine. Drink: 2018-2021. Score - 90. (Natalie MacLean, natalie-maclean.com, July 7, 2018)

Beppi Crosariol in Globe & Mail Nov. 2016

"... like a peach in a tango with a grapefruit on a grass dance floor. There's a gentle spicy lift on the finish, too. Good value"

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