

2019 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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Oct 2, 2021**

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Variety: Sauvignon Blanc

Vintage: 2019

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:

DWWA 2020- Bronze medal: 86 points

Green apple, citrus and rose petal with bell pepper aromatics. Fresh and bright with soft acidity.

Dean Tudor - World Wine Watch Top wines:
Score 89

Wine Align - David Lawrason: 90 points

"This is an excellent, pure, complex Touraine sauvignon. Many are certainly varietal but also shrill and simple. This packs in some complexity and richness without numbing sauvignon character. Expect very lifted spearmint, lime, dill and caper scents. It medium bodied, fresh and lively, yet broad and almost creamy, with excellent flavour depth. I don't remember this wine ever being this good." Tasted August 2020

Michael Godel: 88 points

"Simple, a touch pungent/spicy and surely zesty, lime-driven sauvignon blanc in a style that brings Marlborough to mind, intended or not. In that sense it's a screaming deal though the sense of place gets a bit confused. Not the real matter anyway, especially at the price so just pop and pour. Drink 2020-2021." Tasted August 2020.



JOEL DELAUNAY
DOMAINE