

2016 Delaunay Le Grand Ballon Sauvignon Blanc IGP Val de Loire

History

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

In 1965, Joel 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 Joel, 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.



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Variety: Sauvignon Blanc 100%

Vintage: 2016

Region: Val de Loire

Winemaker: Joel Delaunay

Vineyard: Silico-argilo-pierreux ou perruches

Vinification: Pressing with selected juices. Alcohol fermentation at 16°C

Maturation: On fine lees with weekly stirring of the lees in the tanks for three months.

Alcohol: 12°C

Sweetness Description: Dry

Tasting Notes: Pale yellow in colour, the smell is powerful with a complex deep taste of aromas (exotic fruits, blackcurrant buds, grapefruit, peach), as well as some floral notes. Well balanced, it seduces with its coolness and fruity taste.

Serving Suggestion: To be tasted (10") with fish, oysters and other sea food as well as aperitif.

Cellaring Potential: Preservation 2 years. Best consumed during first year.

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ACCOLADES:

2015 Vintage was commended at 2016 Decanter World Wine Awards Score: 84 points



Gilbert & Gaillard

Gold Medal

Pale yellow with green tints. Expressive nose marrying grapefruit, lime and a subtle touch of tropical fruits. More of the same fruit aromas on the palate which is round, fleshy, fresh and framed by a hint of sweetness. A soft, perfumed sauvignon.

