

La Varenne

CHINON TRADITION - 2018

REGION: FRANCE - LOIRE



LA VARENNE

The Gouron family has been producing wine for five generations at their estate in Cravant-les-Côteaux just east of the village of Chinon. Laurent and Stéphane Gouron tend the 72 acre La Varenne estate which is surrounded by forests. All of their vineyards are located within the Appellation of Chinon.

GRAPES / SOILS

Cabernet Franc	Planted 1980 – 1995	Gravelly-sandy, sandy-limestone & silex-limestone
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THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

- Vineyard Area: 69.18 acres (28 hectares); 37 acres (15 hectares) devoted to Cuvee Tradition
- 6 plots, harvested and vinified separately
- Soils: gravelly-sandy on the plain, sandy-limestone slopes, silex-flinty on hilltops
- Vine age: 35 – 40 years
- Throughout the year, great care is taken of the vines to obtain the best maturity and naturally low yields
- Green cover crops between the rows
- Very short pruning and reduced foliage all combine to keep the vines and grapes in excellent health

Harvest Notes

- Grapes are destemmed
- Fermented and aged in thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered

Winemaker's Notes

Intense smokiness of the wine is balanced by perfumed red fruits that come through the ripe tannins. Acidity and a light touch of structure allow the wine to keep freshness and accessibility for the short term.

Pair with roast chicken thighs, French onion soup and simply by itself.

Technical Information

- 100% Cabernet Franc grapes
- Alcohol: 14.1%
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered

REVIEWS

Chinon Tradition – 2018

88 Points - Wine Spectator, November, 2019

A light style, featuring firm, medium tannins that lend support to roasted plum and tobacco notes. Shows good vibrancy, with spicy mineral hints on the finish. Drink now through 2023.

90 Points - Wine Enthusiast, January, 2020

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GENERAL INFO

Country	France
Region	Loire Valley
Appellation(s)	Chinon
Proprietors	Laurent & and Stéphane Gouron
Founded	1906
Winemaker	Stéphane Gouron
Annual Production	5,000 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable