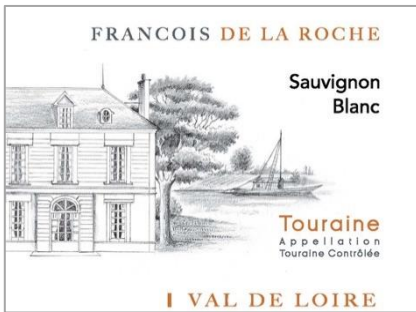


FRANCOIS DE LA ROCHE « Sauvignon Blanc » 2020 TOURAINNE



ORIGIN

Loire Valley, France

APPELLATION

Touraine

VINEYARD

30-year-old vines planted in flinty clay soils

BLEND

100% Sauvignon Blanc

FARMING

Grapes are separated by plots and selected at the peak of ripeness

WINEMAKING

Grapes are sorted and pressed. Fermentation is done in temperature-controlled stainless steel vats.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.2% Alc. |

FOOD PAIRING

Mediterranean cuisine.

Francois de la Roche's 2020 Touraine 'Sauvignon Blanc' has a light straw yellow color with beautiful aromas of citrus and stone fruits followed by a hint of honey. A well balanced minerality, roundness, and depth with a clean, long finish. Pair with a Mediterranean mezze plate, white meats, and grilled fishes.

The 2020 vintage for the Touraine Region is recognized to be excellent. A fast-growing season that saw grapes reach phenolic ripeness at a rapid pace. For some producers, picking began as early as halfway through August. The 2020 Loire Valley vintage looks set to be a successful year with most regions and wine styles delivering admirably.

In the heart of the Cher Valley of the Loire region, the vineyards of Francois de la Roche are located around the two villages of Oisly and Thésée. The soils around Oisly, from which these 30-year-old vines are from, are comprised of rounded flint and quartz gravel with a subsoil of clay. This composition imparts a distinct minerality to the wine.

The vineyards are tended to with canopy management and green harvesting. Harvesting is done when the grapes are at their peak ripeness as it provides a more aromatic, fresher, better-balanced wine with lovely acidity that is also ageable.

After harvesting the wines are pressed and then fermented in stainless steel vats at a low temperature. This preserves the aromatics of the Sauvignon Blanc.

ACCOLADES

2020 **This wine has not yet been rated**

2019 Beverage Tasting Institute – 90 Points

“Yellow straw color. Aromas of white asparagus, white peach, and baked heirloom apples with a round, vibrant, dry-yet-fruity light-to-medium body and a sleek, engaging, medium-long lime spritz, hearts of palm, and minerals finish. A bright and appetizing Touraine Sauvignon Blanc with great depth and roundness.” -B.T.I.

