



# La Saponaire 2023

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AOP	SAVENNIERES
VARIETY	CHENIN
VILLAGE	SAVENNIERES
BEDROCK	SCHIST & AEOLIAN SAND
ORIENTATION	SOUTH-WEST
CERTIFICATIONS	CERTIFIED ORGANIC WINE ECOCERT FR-BIO-01 AND BIODYNAMIC CONVERSION BIODYVIN

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## VITICULTURE

- Guyot Poussard pruning style
- Manual disbudding, lifting and leaf removal
- Hand-picked harvest

## VINIFICATION

- Whole bunch pressing and light racking
- Alcoholic fermentation and 7 months in underground tanks (40%), 400 L. oak barrels (40%) and amphoras (20%)
- Spontaneous and total malolactic fermentation
- Filtration
- Bottling date: May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024
- Number of bottles: 14 941

## ANALYSES

- 12,5% by vol - 0,2g sugar/L - 3,4g/L total acidity - 0,40g/L volatile acidity - <0,2g/L malic acid - 3,35pH - 30mg/L total SO2

## SERVING & TASTING

- Light yellow colour with green highlights
- Nose of white fruits and floral notes
- In the mouth, fine and airy texture thanks to the sand soils
- Serve at 12 to 14 degrees
- Accompanies fish, shellfish, asparagus and cheese
- Decanting or opening the wine in advance is recommended



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## HISTORY

Savennières is the queen of the appellations for dry Chenins in Anjou. This small vineyard of 150 hectares, made up of three hillsides on the right bank of the Loire, is fascinating. We are then particularly happy to develop our vineyard on these great historical terroirs and offer this Savennières « village ».

La Saponaire also named “grass soap” is the emblematic plant of Savennières. This plant enjoys light, sandy and draining soils of the Savennières hillsides.

## TERROIR

La Saponaire is a blend of our different terroirs composed by a part of our historical Clos le Grand Beaupréau and of our new terroirs in the next vintages.

Les Murailles and l’Aiglerie are plots located between Savennières and la Possonnière boarding the Loire. These are terroirs of schists and aeolian sand soils, very typical for the appellation.

Les Mauriers, on the top of the hillsides, facing la Roche aux Moines, will be planted in 2022.

La Saponaire is the archetype of terroirs of aeolian sand and schists of the hillsides of Savennières.

## 2023 VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage was tough and delicate. We had frost and rain in the spring and at the start of the harvest. More than ever, we had to pamper our vines: thinning out the leaves and above all sorting during the harvest. We can be proud of all the work by our team and our pickers to obtain healthy grapes with a perfect phenolic maturity, offering a beautiful expression of our terroirs. 2023 is a real winemaker's year!

## OUR WORK

We planted a « massal selection » made with very old vines of the vineyard, almost centenary.

On these very draining sand and schists terroirs, we seek to keep the freshness. We are doing regular hoeing in order to ensure a good nutrition of the vine.

In the vines, we use the Guyot Poussard pruning method in order to respect the integrity of each vine stock. Chenin is a remarkable but very demanding grape variety. It requires great precision in our manual work of disbudding, lifting, leaf removal and green harvesting. During the harvest, we want to get mature and juicy grapes but without over ripeness, that means early in the season.



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## THE WINE

On the nose, the aromatic is very floral. We also find very ripe white fruits.

In the mouth, the texture is fine and airy thanks to the sand soils. The finish, perfectly dry, is extended by the deep sours of the schists bedrock. This wine combines delicacy and minerality.

It is a nice introduction to Savennières.



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