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# La Saponaire 2022

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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 green harvest by selection
- Final Harvest dates: 2, 8 and 23 September 2022
- Yield: 30hl/ha

## VINIFICATION

- Whole bunch pressing and light racking
- Slow alcoholic fermentation by the indigenous yeasts in underground tanks, wooden cask and 400 L oak barrels
- Spontaneous and partial malolactic fermentation
- Mild ageing for 6 months
- Bottling: 04 May 2023
- Number of bottles: 10500

## ANALYSES

- 13% by vol - 1,5g sugar/L - 3,5g/L total acidity - 0,27g/L volatile acidity - 0,8g/L malic acid - 3,26pH - 56mg/L total SO<sub>2</sub>

## 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, white meat, poultry, 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 is 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 propose this Savennières « village ».

La Saponaire also named “grass soap” is the emblematic plant of Savennières. It is at the origin of the name of the village and its inhabitants the Saponarians. This plant enjoys light, sandy and draining soils of the Savennières hillsides.

## TERROIR

La Saponaire is a Savennières village. It is a blend of our different terroirs composed by a part of our historical Clos le Grand Beaupréau and afterwards 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. It is also a schists and aeolian sand terroir.

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

## 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.

In the cellar, a delicate pressing is carried out on whole bunches followed by a light racking. Sulphiting at harvest time is absent or moderate, at a maximum of 1g/hl. Fermentation is started with a terroir yeast starter and carried through to the end without residual sugar. Malolactic fermentation is carried out spontaneously, in part or in full, depending on the vintage. A filtration on the ground is carried out before bottling.



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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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