



## 2022 BLANC DE NOIR

### WINERY

Clau de Nell is located in the Loire Valley wine region of Anjou and has been in existence for over 100 years. The vineyards were fully converted to biodynamic cultivation in 2000 and the property was purchased by Anne-Claude Leflaive and Christian Jacques in 2008, appointing Sylvain Potin as their biodynamic viticulturalist and winemaker. The property is comprised of 10 hectares (24.7 acres) of vines on a gently sloping hill surrounded by open countryside. The highest point of Clau de Nell offers a glimpse of the Loire in the distance; from here, an uninterrupted view unveils the sky and the river on the horizon, as well as rows of Grolleau, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chenin Blanc. A project built on immense passion, Christian Jacques famously quotes "We have not chosen Clau de Nell, so much as Clau de Nell has chosen us!"

### WINE

After a few years of experimentation and refinement, winemaker Sylvain Potin, and his team are proud to present this unique wine. Made from Cabernet Franc grapes and vinified as a still white wine, it offers beautiful fruit and an ample mouthfeel.

### VINEYARDS

Demeter certified 100% Biodynamic. Covering the vine stock with soil in autumn, plowing-down in spring, tilling and allowing natural grass to grow between the rows; biodynamic practices include infusions and plant decoctions applied to the vineyards according to the lunar calendar.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 vintage was once again marked by a succession of heat waves during spring and summer. The rainfall recorded during the spring and until August 15 was historically low. The stormy rains from mid-August to early September had a very beneficial impact on the quality and quantity of the harvest. The health of the entire harvest was exceptional. The sugar-acid balances as well as the phenolic ripeness are very satisfactory. This vintage was marked by a historic precocity, in fact the harvest began with the Chenin on September 12th and ended with the Cabernet Sauvignon on October 30th. We are very happy with the quality of the juices, of all grape varieties.

### WINEMAKING

Whole cluster Cabernet Franc, slowly and gently pressed in a pneumatic press. Cold settling followed by long fermentation with native yeast in 4 times used oak barrels from Burgundy. Aged twelve months on fine lees in French oak, in ancient troglodyte cellars cut into the limestone hillside on the property and then 6 months in stainless steel vats.

### TASTING NOTES

Brilliant pale gold color with silvery reflections. Expressive nose with aromas of white and exotic fruits, nice woody notes are well integrated. Mineral, round and full palate with a nice length and a fresh and salivating finish. The finish is long, fresh, and has a hint of saltiness.



### VINEYARD

Region:	Loire Valley
Sub-region:	Anjou-Saumur
Vineyard:	Anjou
Appellation:	Val de Loire, IGP
Soil:	Silty-clay, with grit and red flint on tufa
Age:	45 years
Pruning:	Guyot mixed Poussard
Yield:	35 hl/ha
Certifications:	Organic - Ecocert Biodynamic - Demeter 2000

### WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Cabernet Franc
Harvest:	September 15 & 17, 2022
Aging:	18 months, including 12 months in Burgundy casks used 4 times
Bottling:	May 2024

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast:	Native
Alcohol:	13%
Total Acidity:	3.42 g/L
Residual Sugar:	1.6 g/L
pH:	3.36