



2022 BLANC DE NOIR

WINERY

Clau de Nell, in Anjou's Loire Valley, has over a century of history. Converted to biodynamic farming in 2000, it was purchased in 2008 by Anne-Claude Leflaive and Christian Jacques, with Sylvain Potin as winemaker. The 10-hectare hillside estate grows Grolleau, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Chenin Blanc, offering sweeping views of the Loire. As Christian Jacques says, "We did not choose Clau de Nell—Clau de Nell chose 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 marked by repeated spring and summer heat waves and historically low rainfall until mid-August. Storms from mid-August to early September boosted both quality and quantity, with the harvest in exceptional health. Sugar-acid balance and phenolic ripeness were excellent. Historically early, picking began with Chenin on September 12 and ended with Cabernet Sauvignon on October 30, yielding high-quality juice across all varieties. y 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