



## 2023 BLANC DE NOIR, VIN DE FRANCE

### 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 2023 vintage began with a mild, humid winter. Frost on April 4 caused little damage as buds were still protected, with budbreak around April 15. A wet, warm spring brought high disease pressure and vigorous growth, while flowering around June 10 occurred in excellent conditions. Summer was hot and relatively humid, driving generous vegetation, yet ripening progressed smoothly with very satisfactory vine health through harvest. Harvest itself was humid, with very high temperatures.

### WINEMAKING

Whole cluster Cabernet Franc, slowly and gently pressed in a pneumatic press. Cold settling followed by long fermentation with native yeast in 5 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:	Vin de France
Soil:	Silty-clay, with grit and red flint on tufa
Age:	45 years
Pruning:	Guyot mixed Poussard
Yield:	40 hl/ha
Certifications:	Organic - Ecocert Biodynamic - Demeter 2000

### WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Cabernet Franc
Harvest:	September 25, 2023
Aging:	18 months, including 12 months in Burgundy casks used 5 times
Bottling:	May 2025

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast:	Native
Alcohol:	12.6%
Total Acidity:	3.07 g/L
Residual Sugar:	<0.5 g/L
pH:	3.43