

# CHINON: CHATEAU DE LIGRÉ BLANC

## Style

White, Dry

## Region

Loire

## Wine Maker

Francis Desbourdes

## Appellation

Chinon, in the central Loire valley on the south bank of the Loire

## Cépage

100% Chenin Blanc

## Tasting Note

A fine, mineral-edged, dry white Chinon which makes an unusual aperitif.

## Serve

Seafood or as an aperitif.

## Cellarage

Capable of ageing gracefully over several years it is, however, charming when very young.

## Vinification

Machine harvested, fully de-stalked grapes undergo a 2 week cuvaison in stainless steel vats. After alcoholic fermentation, malolactic fermentation takes place. The finished wine is filtered prior to an Easter bottling.

## History

Pierre and his wife Fabienne are third generation vigneron farming 30 hectares of vines in the countryside surrounding their attractive mid-19th century Château. Atypically, they are as well known for their white and rosé wines as they are their fruity and accessible reds.

Chinon itself has a rich viticultural history Cabernet Franc is reputed to have been introduced there by Cardinal Richelieu in 1631. Its fame was further enhanced by the author François Rabelais who was born near Chinon and often wrote of the region.

