

COULÉE DE SERRANT

Style

White, Dry

Region

Loire

Wine Maker

Nicholas Joly

Appellation

Savennières, 10 kilometers south west of Angers on the north bank of the western Loire valley. Savennières Coulée de Serrant is a Grand Cru within the Savennières appellation.

Cépage

100% Chenin Blanc

Tasting Note

Wonderfully complex, dry white wine commonly regarded as the 'nec plus ultra' of the appellation. Warming vanilla aromas and flavours of nuts and honey slowly unfurl on the palate and develop with ageing. A sophisticated, contemplative wine that merits wider recognition. The wine should, whenever possible, be decanted 24 hours before serving and be kept at cellar temperature (12 ° C). A re-corked, half empty bottle will keep and even improve for several days without being refrigerated.

Serve

With Poultry.

Cellarage

It will develop with age over 10 years or more.

Vinification

The juice is not settled and the wines go into fermentation with lots of grape solids which carry aroma into the wine and make it robust. No temperature control is used during fermentation to allow it to occur naturally and no yeasts are added. The wine ferments and matures in 600-litre oak casks and is not fined.

History

Coulée de Serrant is the most famous of the two sub-appellations or Grands Crus with the Savennières appellation. Cistercian monks planted the vineyard in 1130. The vines planted over the last five years were taken from cuttings selected from the oldest vines on the Coulée de Serrant vineyard (vines dating back to 1920). This careful selection reinforces the subtleties that the vineyard has expressed over the centuries. The average age of the vines at the Coulée de Serrant is 30 years.

The domaine started biodynamic farming in 1980. Since 1984, the entire vineyard has been farmed biodynamically and no synthetic chemical product, insecticides, systemic products or nitrates have been used on the property. The estate is farmed by Nicolas Joly, one of France's foremost exponents of biodynamism.



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