

MENETOU SALON BLANC

Style

White, Dry

Region

Loire

Producer

Jean-Jacques Teiller

Appellation:

VMenetou Salon in the eastern Loire valley, between Sancerre and Bourges

Cépage

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Tasting Note:

An atypically fruity wine with delicate floral aromas. The ripe, juicy palate displays subtle citrus tastes and yields a fresh, dry finish.

Serve

White Fish or as an aperitif.

Cellarage

Best drunk within two years of the vintage

Vinification

Vinification takes place in stainless steel vats after the grapes have been entirely de-stalked. The wine is left on its lees for a short period of time and is then fined with bentonite and chilled to 5°C before being filtered prior to an early spring bottling.

History

The Teiller enterprise is a typical small family business. Jean-Jacques took over from his father Jean, who had, in turn, taken over from his father René. Annual production of the white is in the region of 50,000 bottles, half of which is sold direct from the cellar door. Jean-Jacques and his wife Monique are now ably assisted by their daughter and son-in-law Patricia and Olivier.

The village of Menetou Salon is unprepossessing with a small church and square surrounded by houses, shops a couple of cafés and a restaurant. It is however home to a magnificent Château that belonged to Jacques Coeur who was finance minister to Charles 12th and the richest man of his day.

Historically Menetou Salon has always been overshadowed by its glamorous neighbour Sancerre, which produces more than ten times the volume of wine not necessarily of superior quality despite its higher prices!

