



JOURDAN CHINON CROIX BOISSÉE

certified biodynamic and organic*

Francis and Annick Jourdan farm 44 acres divided into 20 parcels. The domaine's vines, 80% of which are within a mile and a quarter of the winery, are in the eastern part of the Chinon appellation. They start at the small Vienne River, where the soils are sand, and then range across a plain of limestone with much more clay before meeting Cravant's escarpment. That hillside, with its vines, is much more about limestone than the plain. Each cuvée is grounded in its geology. The domaine was certified organic by Ecocert in 2011 in France and biodynamic in 2015 by Demeter.

VINEYARD



- Site:** On the highly regarded hillside of La Croix Boissée climbing up to the plateau above Cravant deep in the Loire Valley.
- Soil:** The slope is particularly dense with limestone.
- Vines:** From one acre planted in 2013. Hand-harvested. Certified biodynamic by Demeter and *organic by Ecocert in France but not in America by USDA.
- Varieties:** Chenin Blanc.

CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** Grapes are destemmed, spontaneous ferments in old *demi-muids*. Francis stirs the lees, racks, and bottles according to the lunar cycle.
- Profile:** Vibrant, full-bodied, and focused with a beautiful core of fruit. Dry, deliciously layered, and redolent of quince.
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