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ANTOINE DE LA FARGE



MENETOU-SALON



LES PIERRES CHAUDES

Antoine de La Farge
Menetou-Salon Rouge
LOIRE VALLEY (FRANCE)

Antoine de La Farge grew up in a Menetou-Salon wine family. His grandfather, Bernard Clément (founder of the famous Domain de Châtenoy and the founding father of the Menetou-Salon appellation in 1959), is a deep part of his oldest memories. Antoine studied enology, then returned to his roots as a farmer and winemaker. Currently he helps his parents run Domaine de L'Ermitage (a part of the original Domain de Châtenoy given to his mother from her father), and in the last years he has started purchasing his own vineyards in Menetou-Salon, Pouilly-Fumé & Sancerre, producing wine under his name.

AOC: Menetou-Salon

Grapes: 100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol: 12.5% vol.

Nose: Intense roasted black cherry and prune notes. Slightly spicy with hints of pepper.

Palate: Medium to lighter in body. Silky smooth with an intense concentration of cherry fruit flavors and a hint of licorice. Harmonious. Round. Elegant. Fresh. Soft finish with coated tannins.

Pairings: Ideal with grilled meats, game, fish, cheeses as well as chocolate desserts



The Loire Wine Region of France

The Loire tends to be fairly cold with mildly warm summers. In colder years, the wines can be lacking in flavor, if they do not ripen enough. There are three broad areas within the Loire: Western Loire, which produces Muscadet; Eastern Loire which produces Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé; and the Middle Loire, which produces a range of different wines.

The Loire Valley produces all kinds of wine: sweet, dry, sparkling, still, red, white, & rosé. There is one common characteristic signature of Loire Valley wines -- acidity. The two leading white grape varieties in this area are Sauvignon Blanc and Chenin Blanc. Most of the Loire red & rosé wines are made using Cabernet Franc; however, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Gamay, and other varieties are also grown.

Menetou-Salon shares Sancerre's southwestern border. The Sauvignon Blanc from this area is bright and citrusy with a distinctive aroma of dried chamomile flowers, while the rosé and red Pinot Noir wines are medium-bodied with notes of cherry, plum, and candied fruits.

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