

CHINON

DOMAINE DOZON



CÉPAGE: **100% Cabernet Franc**

Wine has been made in Chinon since the Gallo-Roman era. The town itself has long been a strategic point, as its existing castle was constructed on Roman fortifications by the Plantagenet King Henry II. Henry based himself in Chinon rather than in England, and both he and his son, Richard the Lionheart, died in the castle.

Chinon lies on the Vienne River, about eight miles from the Loire. Exclusively Cabernet Franc, Chinon vineyards are planted in a variety of soils. Closest to the river the soil is sandy, yielding lighter wines for early drinking. Further away from the river, the soil is clay mixed with gravel, sand and some limestone, and wines of greater depth are produced. From the limestone slopes come full-bodied wines of power and depth, wines that require several years of bottle age and that will keep for twenty years in the best years.

Jean-Marie Dozon has always produced the typical styles of Chinon, and he is passing along that tradition to his daughter, Laure, who is now in charge of winemaking and production. Their best cuvees are made from old vines planted on his hillside vineyard of clay and limestone. Fragrant, weighty and flavorful, their wines are excellent with game, rabbit or veal stew. Laure also makes tiny amounts of very delicate Chinon Blanc from Chenin grapes and a completely elegant Chinon Rose.

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