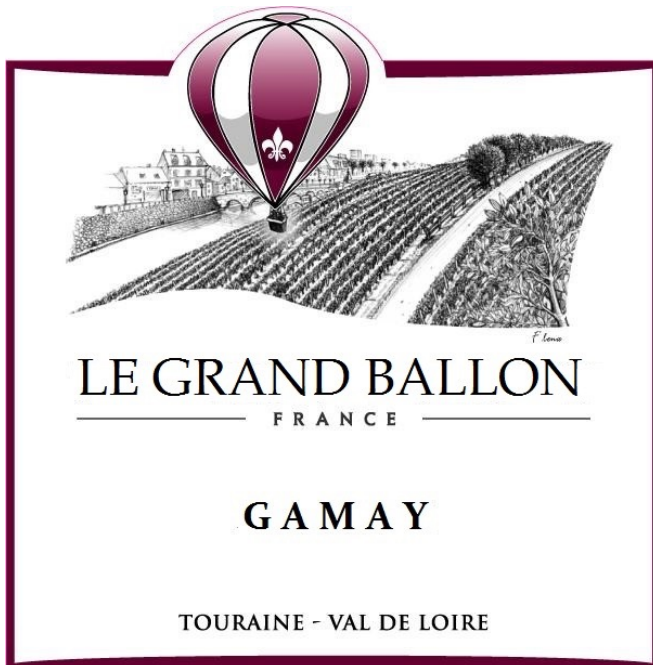


THIERRY DELAUNAY

TOURAINE GAMAY «LE GRAND BALLON»



Thierry Delaunay's 21 hectares of vineyards are situated on the banks of the Cher, 50 kilometres east of Tours, in the very center of the region of Touraine. These vineyards have been cultivated by 5 generations of the same family, passing from father to son, and extend all around the winery. The first wines were bottled at the domaine in 1971. Each year since then, the Delaunay family has striven to improve the quality of the wines by combining the best of traditional procedures with the latest wine making technology. Sourcing grapes from his own vineyards and from local growers, Thierry has created the range "Le Grand Ballon" designated as Touraine and Vin de Pays de La Loire, which offers exceptional value in the sumptuous, refreshing style of classic Loire wines. Le Grand Ballon refers to the popular hot air balloons that pass over the many châteaux in the area.

Region:	Loire Valley
Appellation:	Touraine-Val de Loire
Owner:	Thierry Delaunay
Established:	1971
Farming Practices:	Sustainable
Soil:	Clay, limestone with flint
Grape Varieties:	100% Gamay
Age of Vines:	15 to 30 years
Yield/Acre:	55 hl/ha
Avg. Production:	12,000 Bottles

Vinification and Élevage: Semi-carbonic maceration for 6 to 8 days, after which the grapes are pressed gently and racked. Alcoholic and malolactic fermentations takes place in tank where it is aged, filtered, then bottled.

Tasting Notes: Ruby red color, exuberant nose of fresh red fruits. Delicate and soft on the palate, bright fruit and spicy notes in this vibrant wine.

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