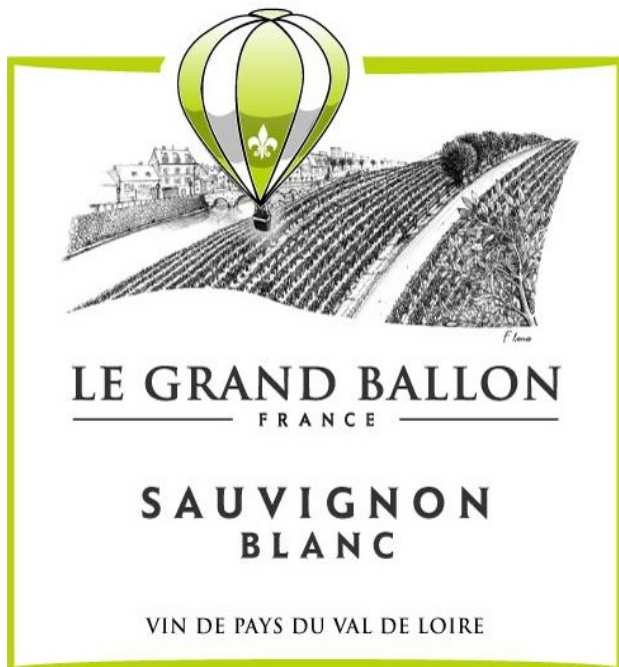


THIERRY DELAUNAY SAUVIGNON BLANC « LE GRAND BALLON »



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 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
Appellation:	Vin de Pays du Val de Loire
Owner:	Thierry Delaunay
Established:	1965
Farming Practices:	Sustainable
Soil:	Stoney sandy-clay soil
Grape Varieties:	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Yield/Acre:	85 hl/ha
Avg Production:	200,000 Bottles

Vinification and Élevage: Gentle pressing of the grapes followed by temperature controlled fermentation in tank. Aging on lees for 3-6 months in tank.

Tasting Notes: Pale gold with green highlights Pronounced, expressive and complex nose - exotic fruits, blackcurrant buds, grapefruit, peach - as well as some floral notes. Well-balanced, long and rich on the palate. Seductively fresh and fruity. Fresh, fruit-driven, very modern wine. Ideal wine by the glass.

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