

DOMAINE DOZON

CHINON "CLOS DU SAUT AU LOUP"



Domaine Dozon is located south of Chinon, on the left bank of the Vienne. Originally a traditional livestock and produce farm, the property turned to viticulture with the acquisition of 5 hectares within the renowned Clos du Saut au Loup in the early 20th century. Eric Santier, a Chinon native who studied winemaking in Bordeaux, purchased the estate from Laure Dozon, after apprenticing with the esteemed Domaine Baudry for two years. His first harvest as an independent vigneron was in 2013. The winery was renovated while at the same time he began the conversion to organic viticulture. The entire domaine covers 14 hectares and the majority of the vines (over 70%) are more than 35-years-old. The single-site Clos du Saut au Loup has an ideal south/southeast exposure with a unique terroir of clay and silex (flint), that adds an engaging mineral

character to the powerful Cabernet Franc. For Eric Santier, vinification is non-interventionist, in order to express the terroir and promote the freshness and balance of the wine. This is clean, traditional, mindful winemaking at its best.

Region:	Loire
Appellation:	Chinon
Owner:	Eric Santier
Established:	Old family domaine purchased by Eric Santier in 2013
Farming Practices:	Sustainable, in conversion to organic
Vineyard:	14 hectares
Soil:	Silt, clay and silex (flint)
Grape Varieties:	100% Cabernet Franc
Age of Vines:	40-60 years
Yield:	40 hl/ha
Avg Production:	1800 cases

Vinification and Élevage: After harvest, the grapes go through a 3-4-week cold maceration, followed by fermentation with indigenous yeasts. The young wine is aged for 6-9 months, 50% racked into older foudres and 50% remains in neutral tank, to be blended before bottling the following spring.

Tasting Notes: Vibrant purple color. Traditional notes of plum, raspberries and blackberries abound. Ripe tannins and attractive herbal notes underscore the abundant fruitiness of the Cabernet Franc. The long, full-flavored finish makes this wine most enjoyable with roast meats and savory game dishes.

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