

# DOMAINE DOZON

## CHINON ROSÉ "LE PETIT CHEMIN"



Domaine Dozon is located south of Chinon, on the left bank of the Vienne. Originally a traditional livestock and produce farm, they turned to viticulture with the acquisition of 5 hectares within the renowned Clos du Saut au Loup in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Eric Santier, a Chino native, purchased the Domaine in 2010 from Laure Dozon, after apprenticing with the esteemed Domaine Baudry. The winery was renovated while 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. "Le Petit Chemin" comes from vines planted on sandy

silt within a place called the Saut au Loup. For Eric Santier, vinification is noninterventionist, in order to express the terroirs and promote the freshness and balance of the wines. This is clean, traditional, mindful winemaking at its best.

<b>Region:</b>	Loire
<b>Appellation:</b>	Chinon
<b>Owner:</b>	Eric Santier
<b>Established:</b>	Old family domaine purchased by Eric Santier in 2013
<b>Farming Practices:</b>	Certified organic with the 2024 vintage
<b>Vineyard:</b>	14 hectares
<b>Soil:</b>	Silt, clay and gravel
<b>Grape Varieties:</b>	100% Cabernet Franc
<b>Age of Vines:</b>	25-30-year-old vines from the Domaine
<b>Yield:</b>	40 hl/ha
<b>Avg Production:</b>	700 cases

**Vinification and Élevage:** The rosé wine is made from Cabernet Franc vines 25-30 years of age, planted throughout the entirety of the domaine. Vinification is in neutral tanks, and fermentation takes place with indigenous yeasts. The skins are left in contact for a brief period, then 70% is made by direct press, while 30% is produced by saignée, creating a flavorful yet lively blend.

**Tasting Notes:** Vibrant pink color, with delicate notes of strawberries, cherries and red currants. With its flavorful, dry finish, this Chinon Rosé is an excellent companion to summer salads, salmon on the grill and lighter meat dishes.

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