

DOMAINE DES QUATRE ROUTES MUSCADET SÈVRE ET MAINE SUR LIE



Maison Henri Poiron traces its winemaking roots to the early 1800's. The family estate Domaine des Quatre Routes consists of 40 hectares in Maisdon sur Sèvre, in the center of the Muscadet wine region outside of Nantes. Moderate breezes from the Atlantic assure ideal conditions leading up to harvest. The wine is bottled on the lees to preserve maximum freshness. Eric Poiron now runs the domaine, where he makes traditional Muscadet sur lie from 3 specific sites, using sustainable farming methods and both manual and machine harvesting. The domaine follows the principles of Terra Vitis, an organization that promotes using only natural products, no chemical pesticides or herbicides, and farming techniques that respect nature and the patrimony of the land. Hugh Johnson refers to Muscadet as “Neptune’s Vineyard”, as Muscadet is the perfect wine with oysters, shrimp and other “fruits de mer.”

Region:	Loire
Appellation:	Muscadet Sèvre et Maine
Owner:	Eric Poiron
Established:	1800
Farming Practices:	Sustainable, certified by Terra Vitis
Vineyard:	32 Hectares
Soil:	Sandy schist
Grape Varieties:	100% Melon de Bourgogne
Avg Age of Vines:	25 years
Yield/Hectare:	55 hl/ha
Avg Production:	80,000 Bottles

Vinification and Élevage: Traditional fermentation in stainless steel tanks. After fermentation, wines are kept “sur lie” or on the fine lees in underground tanks, until the end of March after the harvest, when they may be bottled.

Tasting Notes: Pale with bright yellow tints. Notes of citrus, orchard fruit, and a distinct mineral. Good length on palate with notes of stone fruits. Ideal with shrimp, oysters, langoustines and “fruits de mer” platters. Also a refreshing aperitif.

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