

DOMAINE DU SAUT AU LOUP

CHINON ROSÉ « LE PETIT CHEMIN »



Domaine du Saut au Loup 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, purchased the domaine in 2010 from Laure Dozon, after apprenticing with the esteemed Domaine Baudry. The winery was renovated while the work in the vineyards began the conversion to organic viticulture. The entire domaine covers 24 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 non-interventionist, in order to express the terroirs and promote the freshness and balance of the wines. 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
Soil:	Silt, Clay and Gravel
Grape Varieties:	100% Cabernet Franc
Vineyard:	14 ha
Age of Vines:	25-30 year-old vines from the Domaine
Yield/Hectare	40 hl/ha
Avg Production:	700 cases

Vinification and Elevage: The rosé is made from Cabernet Franc vines 25-30 years of age, planted throughout the entirety of the domaine. Vinification is neutral tanks; 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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