

# THE SOURCE

Producer	Emmanuelle Mellot		
Wine	2017 Menetou-Salon "Mon Loup"		
Region and Country	Loire Valley, France		
Varietal(s)	Sauvignon Blanc		
Terroir	Named "Mon Loup" (my wolf) after an episode where a wolf was caught in Emmanuelle's house some years before she lived there, this fresh, straight, elegant and mineral laden wine impressively represents its appellation. It comes from one of Emmanuelle's winery partners and is grown with organic methods (the winery is in conversion and will soon be certified) on a vineyard plot composed primarily of the same Kimmeridgian limestone marls found in much of Sancerre, Chablis and Champagne's Aube region.		
Soil	Kimmeridgian limestone marls with clay and limestone rock topsoil		
Irrigation	Forbidden—Never—Sometimes	Technical Precision	Nature—Moderate—Nurture
Vine Age	30-50 year average	Altitude(m); Aspect	300+/-; Flat
Vinification	The grapes are hand picked and gently pressed and fermented naturally in stainless steel.		
Aging	Aged only in stainless steel for seven months before bottling. Fined and filtered.		
Farming	Drink Young—Short-Term Benefits—Long-Term Benefits—Unknown		
Enological Additions	Sulfites		

## Observations (subjective and abstract; based on young wines)

General Impressions	Mineral, Warm Metal, Oyster Shell, Subtle, Salty, Stone Fruit Skin, Dried Lemon Skin		
Ageability	Drink Young—Short-Term Benefits—Long-Term Benefits—Unknown		
Intensity	Subtle—Vigorous—Electric	Body	Light—Medium—Full
Core	Lithe—Medium—Dense	Tannin	Light—Medium—Full
Acidity	Light—Medium—Full—Electric	Wood Presence	Light—Medium—Full—Electric
Texture	Lithe—Medium—Dense	Finish	Front—Middle—Back
Mineral Impressions	Lightly Salty—Salty—Metal—Mineral—Wet Stone—Flint—Graphite—Reductive—Petrol		

## Lab Analysis (general range)

Alcohol %	12.5-13.0	Titrateable Acidity (g/L)	N/A
pH	N/A	Residual Sugar (g/L)	Dry
Total SO <sub>2</sub>	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High		

Notes compiled in 2019 by Ted Vance (The Source) and Emmanuelle Mellot  
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