

THE SOURCE
NICOLAS POINTEAU
LOIRE VALLEY



2020 CHINON ROUGE, LES TONNELIERES

PRODUCER OVERVIEW

Nicolas Pointeau and his wife Marielle work together on their Chinon terraces composed of deep river gravel beds, with some further away from the Loire on tuffeau limestone bedrock terraces with loamier soils than what would typically be found in Saumur-Champigny further to the west. Their entire vineyard stable of Cabernet Franc and a smaller quantity of Chenin Blanc is organically certified and their cellar practices are low-tech and straightforward with natural fermentations and aging in a mix of steel or very old 228-L French oak barrels.

VINEYARD DETAILS

Gravelly soil vineyards on large terraces. Composed of alluvial soils w/shallow topsoils, tuffeau limestone bedrock. Vines planted ~1978.

CELLAR NOTES

Natural ferment, old French oak barrels (fûts de chêne).

