

# THE SOURCE

Producer	Arnaud Lambert		
Wine	Cremant de Loire, Blanc		
Region and Country	Loire Valley, France		
Varietal(s)	100% Chenin Blanc		
Terroir	Continental climate with light precipitation due to the rain shadow of the Massif Armorican located toward the west. Winters are mild and summers can be dry and these days quite hot, depending on the year. Most of the vineyards are on tuffeau limestone bedrock with topsoil composition of sedimentary and alluvial depositions with varying levels of clay and sand, and topsoil depth. Grapes come from Saint-Cyr and Brézé. Starting in 2020 grapes will come exclusively from Brézé.		
Soil	Tuffeau limestone bedrock (calcium carbonate rock with a small proportion of sand) with a topsoil mix of tuffeau rock, clay, sand, and alluvial depositions.		
Irrigation	Forbidden—Never—Sometimes	Technical Precision	Nature—Moderate—Nurture
Vine Age	Planted in 2014-2016	Altitude(m); Aspect	60-80; West
Vinification	Whole cluster pressed for four hours, no sulfites initially.		
Aging	Stainless steel aging. Aged 6 months in tank, then bottled and held for one year before release. Tirage is usually 24g/l. Sulfites are only added before final bottling. Lightly filtered, no fining. No malolactic fermentation; perhaps that will happen more in the future when the grapes come exclusively from Brézé.		
Farming	Sustainable—Organic Certified—Biodynamic Certified—Uncertified Naturalist Organic culture for many years, but in conversion to organic.		
Enological Additions	Sulfites		

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

### General Impressions

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 %	13-13.5	Titrateable Acidity (g/L)	5.8
pH	3.00	Residual Sugar (g/L)	5
Total SO2	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High		