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2023 VIN DE FRANCE, "CHIEN TÊTE EN BAS"

PRODUCER OVERVIEW

Based in Saumur Puy-Notre-Dame, a new focal point for colder climate Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc, the enthusiastic and charming Frédéric Hauss enters the wine world as a former cinematographer who worked extensively behind the camera for the big screen and TV. In his early forties, and in the middle of the Covid pandemic, he decided to redirect into this equally artistic life that provides a greater connection to nature. Some are quick to understand fundamentals (perhaps those who already mastered them in another craft are advantaged), and it's clear that Fréd also understands artistic composition, and already how to craft a wine to capture emotion, discreetly.

VINEYARD DETAILS

Grolleau Noir 'Chien Tête en Bas' comes from a 0.65-ha parcel in Le Puy-Notre-Dame, planted in 1945 at 60 meters of altitude on limestone bedrock with silt and flint topsoil, facing south on gentle slopes.

CELLAR NOTES

Grolleau Noir 'Chien Tête en Bas' was whole-cluster pressed for an 18-day natural fermentation, with temperatures kept below 18 °C. It was aged for six months in a 10-hl fiberglass vat. Sulfites were added only just prior to bottling. No fining or filtration.

