THE SOURCE ARNAUD LAMBERT LOIRE VALLEY



2019 SAUMUR ROUGE, CLOS DE L'ETOILE

PRODUCER OVERVIEW

Arnaud Lambert established his eponymous domaine in 2017 with the merger of his family's Domaine de Saint-Just and the rented parcels from Château de Brézé. He farms more than 40 hectares of organic vineyards in Saumur's continental climate with unusually dry conditions due to the rain shadow effect of the Massif Armoricain. In this part of the "Anjou Blanc," the vineyards are on tuffeau limestone bedrock with topsoil variations of clay and sand. Still wines from Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc are vinified and aged in variations of steel, concrete, and small and large wooden vats without added sulfites until bottling.

VINEYARD DETAILS

Lambert's Clos de l'Étoile is 100% Cabernet Franc planted 35 years ago at 80m on a mild slope facing southwest on 100cm of red sand and loam topsoil on tuffeau limestone bedrock.

CELLAR NOTES

Destemmed and fermented in concrete for 3 weeks with the first 3-4 days a single pump over and remaining weeks a gentle wetting of cap, at 24°C max. 24 months in 20% new and 80% 1-2-year-old 225L French oak, and 5-6 months in steel. Sulfites added only at bottling.

