

Chateau Gaudrelle (Vigneau)

France - Loire Valley

Chateau Gaudrelle was founded by fifth generation winemaker Alexandre Monmousseau. Alexandre's father, Armand Monmousseau, is the former head of his family's sparkling wine firm in Montrichard. Alexandre received his schooling in Beaune and is one of the leaders of the Sec-Tendre (soft-dry) movement that includes producers like Huet and Champalou.

Located in Rochecorbon, one of AOC Vouvray's 9 villages, Alexandre's impressive cellar is carved directly in the hill, across the road from the Loire river. The Monmousseau family farms 21 hectares (52 acres) of land: 6 hectares for Clos le Vigneau, 15 hectares for Château Gaudrelle. Clos Le Vigneau is a single vineyard from an area known as "les Gués d'Amant" or "Lover's Gap". Most of the vines were planted in 1929. The soil is a mixture of argilo-calcaire, silex and gravel. Alexandre Monmousseau believes in low yields for concentration and flavor. The grapes - Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay - are hand harvested. Pressing is long and slow, fermentation is in stainless steel with two rackings and a light filtration before bottling.



Founded
1931
Wine Production Area
France - Loire Valley - Vouvray
Owners
Alexandre Monmousseau
Grape Varietals
Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc
Website
www.chateaugaudrelle.com/en