



ALAIN de la TREILLE Chardonnay

France – Loire – Vin de France

ABOUT MAISON ALAIN de la TREILLE

Alain de la Treille was a farmer and wine enthusiast, who grew up in Touraine & spent his life promoting the Touraine area and Loire Valley wines. During his career, he met Jean-Claude Bougrier, a winemaker from Saint Georges sur Cher. They became good friends who could spend hours talking about Loire Valley style, terroir and how to improve the vinification process.

When Alain passed away in 1985, Jean-Claude decided to create a wine brand to pay tribute to his good friend, and Alain de la Treille wines were born. Jean-Claude's son Noël took over in 1988, becoming the fifth generation of his family to make wine. Noel created 3 cellars, widening the wine growing area of the estate to the entire Loire Valley, from Sancerre to the Pays Nantais. Noël Bougrier still runs the winery today, with help from son Nicolas and daughter Sophie.

The vineyards cover 100 hectares (247 acres), with vines averaging 25 years old. Wines are made under the direction of Lionel Métaireau. A sixth-generation winemaker, he is native of Le Pallet in the Muscadet vineyard, close to Nantes.

ABOUT THE WINE

This chardonnay has a characteristic pale-yellow color with a shade of gold, and a subtle nose reminiscent of fresh butter nuts and roasted almonds. On the palate, it is full bodied and fruity with a pleasant roundness. Vineyards are located outside of the AOC boundaries, hence the Vin de France classification.

Appellation	Loire Valley – Vin de France
Varietal(s)	100% Chardonnay
Vinification	Part of the cuvée is produced with 12 hours skin maceration; the other part from directly pressed grapes. Wine is slightly filtered before bottling. Slightly oaked with chips for a few months.
Vine Age	25 years
Size	12/750ml
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