



2017 ALAIN de la TREILLE Chinon Cabernet Franc France – Loire Valley – Chinon

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. He became great friends with Jean-Claude Bougrier, a winemaker from Saint Georges sur Cher. The two 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. Noël 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 Chinon, with its bright intense purple color, offers complex aromas of minerals and red fruits (blackcurrant & blueberry). The palate is juicy & spicy, making it an ideal match for roasted meat, charcuteries and flavorful cheeses.

RATINGS

90pts Wine & Spirits (Best Buy)

Vintage	2017
Appellation	Loire Valley – Chinon
Varietal(s)	100% Cabernet Franc
Vinification	Classic vinification and maturation in stainless steel. Maceration on the fine lees for 10-20 days followed by ML in vats. Aged 6 months in stainless steel. Slightly filtered before bottling.
Vine Age	25 years
Soil Type	Alluvial gravel & sand terraces on the banks of the Vienne & yellow limestone from Turonian along the river corridors.
Size	12/750ml
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