

Domaines Minchin, 'La Tour Saint Martin', Pommerais, Menetou-Salon 2017



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Producer Note

Domaines Minchin is located in the heart of the Loire Valley. Having studied oenology at Beaune and Dijon, Bertrand Minchin acquired his first vineyards in the village of Morogues over 20 years ago, planting them with eight hectares of Sauvignon Blanc and seven of Pinot Noir. Today with an established reputation for quality, the estate has doubled in size to 17 hectares in Menetou-Salon and a further 14 in Valençay. The modern winery incorporates the latest technology and Bertrand is hand-crafting award-winning wines that are on a par with the finest Sancerre.

Vintage

The Loire Valley vines enjoyed excellent health throughout the season. 2017 was characterised by an early harvest, which took place two weeks earlier than average, under ideal weather conditions. Frost in April impacted some areas resulting in lower yields; however the excellent quality of the grapes harvested shows good levels of maturity and flavour concentration.

Vineyard

The grapes come from a single vineyard 'Pommerais' in the appellation of Menetou-Salon, which is situated in the eastern part of the Loire Valley. Domaines Minchin is certified by Haute Valeur Environnementale and the vineyards are managed according to a strict sustainable philosophy, known as la Lutte Raisonnée. The vineyard is planted with grass, and the soil is tilled and worked to ensure the health and vigour of the vine, while encouraging beneficial biodiversity. Debudding takes place in spring along with careful canopy management in summer, including thinning, which encourages the grapes to reach optimal ripeness and concentrates the flavours in the berries.

Winemaking

The grapes were harvested by hand at optimum maturity, destemmed and crushed by pneumatic press. Fermentation was carried out in temperature controlled tanks. Following fermentation, the wine was aged on its lees in oak vats for eight months; of which 80% spent its maturation in cone-shaped oak tanks, and the remaining 20% was in oak barrels.

Tasting Note

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Grape

Pinot Noir 100%



Winemaker:	Bertrand Minchin
Region:	Loire
Sub region:	Menetou-Salon
Country:	France
Alcohol:	12.5%
Body Value:	B (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	0.2
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/Yes
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic/Biodynamic:	No/No
Product Code:	5084117A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Natural Cork