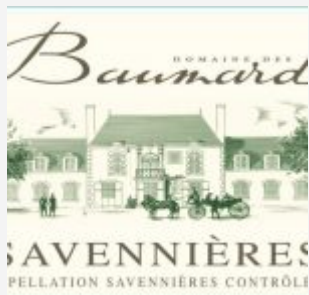


Domaine Des Baumard Savennieres Chenin Blanc 2018

Selected by: MTW Tasting Panel



Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2018
GRAPE Chenin Blanc
GEOGRAPHY Europe
COUNTRY France
LARGER REGION Loire Valley
SMALLER REGION Anjou
SUB REGION Savennières

Rationale

You say "Chenin Blanc," we say "Savennières." While there are superb bone-dry examples of this grape vinified worldwide, few places can touch France's Loire Valley area of Savennières. Though sweeter styles are permitted, the appellation is most associated with dry white wines, and these are some of the finest in the entire Loire region.

Typically intensely flavored and with flavors of straw, beeswax, and chamomile, the best examples have discernible minerality, while the ripest possess even a honeyed tinge. Botrytis once defined all of Savennières' output but is less common in the wines today. Savennières stands out proudly as the only dry white appellation in Anjou's sea of sweet wine. Candidly, some find the most structured wines, in their youth, too intensely steely and tart (they are comparable in this way to good Chablis). This character begins to dissipate after five or so years in the bottle. It is not unusual for bottles over 30 years old to show stunning freshness and life. Like the best single malt scotch, it is an acquired taste, and to aficionados, it is the equal of some of the most prized examples.

Domaine des Baumard produces some of the finest examples of Savennières, and Jean Baumard and now his son, Florent, are universally regarded as the finest winemakers in the appellation. Their wines are among the most unique and rewarding in the world: dry whites of intense concentration, perfume, and longevity.

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Star Bright
CLARITY Clear
COLOR DEPTH Light
COLOR Straw
HIGHLIGHTS Green
BUBBLES No

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry
ACID High
ALCOHOL Medium
PHENOLS None
TEXTURE Lean / Tart
FINISH Long
COMPLEXITY High

Aroma & Taste

CITRUS FRUIT Lemon • Key Lime • Yuzu • Grapefruit (W/Y) *Condition: Ripe, Fresh*
Part: Peel / Zest, Flesh
TREE/VINE FRUIT Apple (Green) • Quince • Apple (Yellow) *Condition: Ripe, Fresh*
STONE FRUIT Plum (Green/Yellow) • Nectarine (White) • Peach (White) *Condition: Fresh*
TROPICAL FRUIT Melon (Green) • Melon (Orange) • Kiwi • Starfruit *Condition: Under Ripe / Tart, Fresh*
FLORAL Apple Blossom • Elderflower • Lemon / Lime Blossom *Condition: Fresh*
OTHER VEGETABLE Mushrooms (White) • Ginger / Root
HERBAL Verbena • Thyme • Chamomile • Sorrel
OTHER SPICES Ginger Powder • Sesame / Candy
ORGANIC EARTH Truffle / Mushrooms
INORGANIC EARTH Mineral / Rock • Chalk / Limestone
OAK AGING No
PERCEIVED WINEMAKING CHOICES Lees Contact