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VIGNERONS PAR PASSION DEPUIS 7 GENERATIONS

Clos du Château Paladi

On this plot of hardly one hectare of old vines located in the heart of the village of Pouilly and 400 meters away from the Loire river, raises a building, locally called « Château Paladi » in memory of the one who built after the war, four towers to this bourgeois house.

For the first time, in 2014, we decided to isolate the juice of this enclosed plot located on clay & limestone soil to create this cuvée, in which Sauvignon Blanc reveals all the elegance of this terroir.

- **Grape** : 100% Sauvignon Blanc
 - **Vineyard** : 0 Ha 95 of old vines aged 45 years old on clay & limestone soil, oriented South/South-West
 - **Production** : ~ 5 000 bottles
 - **Work in the vines** :
 - **Vinification** :
 - ~ Since 1980 : **abandonment of chemical fertiliser** on all of our vines.
 - ~ Since 2002 : **abandonment of herbicide** on all 21 Hectares of vines.
 - ~ Since 2006 : **abandonment of insecticide** on all 21 Hectares of vines.
 - ~ Mildew control : we use the bare minimum of fungicide, but not only copper, which we think the accumulation in the soils would be harmful for them in the long term.
 - ~ Rainwater collection to fight mildew with demineralised water and thus reduce as much as possible the dose used.
- The vines are lightly hoed and regularly **tilled by hand**. Only organic amendments officially agreed for Organic Farming are used at the end of autumn. **Treatments are reduced to bare necessities** in order to protect fauna and soils, which are crucial for an appropriate development of the vegetation.
- **Vinification** : fermentation in stainless steel tanks after cold settling, long conservation on very fine lees, cold tartaric precipitation, bottling after a minimum of 2 years of maturing, no malolactic fermentation, sulphite rate in accordance with biodynamic principles : $\leq 100\text{mg/l}$, suitable for vegans.
 - **Keeping** : 4 to 6 years ; apogee during the 3rd / 4th year.
 - **Winemaster's advice** : Served chilled at 12°C with fish, poultry, white meat and cheese.

*Harvested on **argilo-calcareous soils**, these **old vines** of Blanc Fumé (the local name of Sauvignon Blanc grape) fully express the elegance of the terroir.*

The Clos du Château Paladi will reveal itself with a sole fillet with a butter sauce, Saint Jacques scallops and a foie gras sauce, a young turbot and its frying pan full of girolle mushrooms or even poultry with morels.

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~ *Clos du Château Paladi 2020:*

WINE ENTHUSIAST January 2022, Cellar Selection, Roger Voss

93 /100 « Old vines in the center of Pouilly-sur-Loire have produced this ripe wine. Concentration vies for attention with fresh apple and citrus flavours. It has great potential, rich while youthfully vibrant. Drink from 2024. »

~ *Clos du Château Paladi 2019:*

96/100 (Outstanding) DECANTER Magazine July 2023 « Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé »

« Masson-Blondelet hasn't used chemical fertilisers since the 1980s, no weedkillers since 2002, and no insecticides since 2006. Clos du Château Paladi is a small parcel (just 0.39ha) in the centre of Pouilly-sur-Loire, where the 45-year-old vines face south/southwest and are planted on clay-limestone. This cuvée was first made in 2014. After fermentation in stainless steel the wine is kept for at least two years on its fine lees.»

96/100 Jim Budd: « Ripe aromas of yellow plum. Complexity and length with enough vibrant acidity to balance the rich fruit. Lovely wine to drink now or to keep. »

95/100 Nathalie Earl: « Flinty steely notes meld with wisps of smoke, toast, greengage and yellow plum. Sweet lemon rind characters – a soft mouthfeel supported by fresh acidity and spice. »

96/100 Ben Llewelyn: « Well-balanced, elegant. Box, thyme, verbena and flint move seamlessly through to the finish. Rounded and elegant. »

CONCOURS MONDIAL DU SAUVIGNON

Silver Medal at Concours Mondial du Sauvignon 2022, out of 1120 samples tasted.

~ *Clos du Château Paladi 2018:*

CONCOURS MONDIAL DU SAUVIGNON

Gold Medal at Concours Mondial du Sauvignon 2020, out of 1110 samples tasted.

WINE ENTHUSIAST January 2019, Editors' Choice, Roger Voss

92 /100 « Old vines are the heart of this wine from a single parcel of less than two acres. They give a structured wine, very mineral and concentrated, bringing out great acidity as well as green fruits. »

IWSC International Wine and Spirit Competition 2019

86 /100 « Yellow stone fruit aromas, roasted lemons, a little honeyed development also. Showing a level of nice compact fruit, clean acidity and fairly long, a modern style and very tasty. »

~ *Clos du Château Paladi 2015:*

WINE ENTHUSIAST January 2018, Editors' Choice, Roger Voss

93/100 « This wine comes from a small walled vineyard next to a townhouse with little towers, called locally in jest Château Paladi. Ripe with apple and lime fruits, the wine is crisply textured and balanced, with a flinty character. It is ready to drink. » Roger Voss

CONCOURS MONDIAL DU SAUVIGNON

Silver Medal at Concours Mondial du Sauvignon 2018, out of 958 samples tasted.

GUIDE HACHETTE 2018

« We could sense at the nose the ripe grape (white peach aromas, mirabelle plum, but also white flowers (acacia). The mouth rests on a round and soft texture, enhanced, at the end, by a refreshing acidity. »

GUIDE BETTANE + DESSEAUVE : 14/20