

LOIRE
SAUMUR
MANOIR DE LA TÊTE
LA PUY NOTRE DAME


OVERVIEW | The Manoir de la Tete was built in 1649 at the foot of the majestic Puy Notre Dame hill. Purchased in 1995 by Guillaume Reynouard, the domaine boasts the best clayish limestone of the Saumur terroirs. Guillaume Reynouard does not come from a viticultural family. His mother was a pharmacist and his father a doctor. But after studying classics in school, he realized that he wanted to work in contact with nature. At 18 he began studying viticulture and after completing his studies and working as an apprentice in a number of wineries in 1995 he created a 13.5ha domaine in Le Puy Notre Dame, 30 kms southwest of Saumur. By 1998 he had converted the vineyards to organic viticulture.

VINEYARD AREA: 13.5 hectares

SOIL TYPES: tuffeau soil (chalk), gravel, sandy clay

GRAPE VARIETIES: cabernet franc

Intellectually Reynouard feels challenged by the efforts to understand and rediscover how nature works: to “rediscover” insects, plants, and the balance of nature. He also considers himself lucky to work in one of few métiers in which one is involved at each step of the process – from selecting a vine and planting it, to caring for it and harvesting the grapes, making the wine, putting it in bottle and sharing the wine with customers and friends.

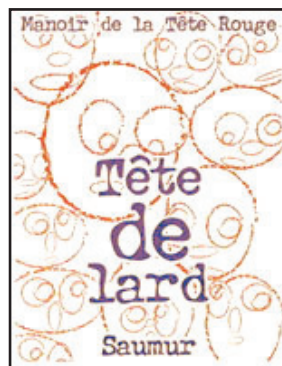
VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | No chemical products are used because of Reynouard’s respect and desire to protect the ecosystems of each of his parcels. In fact, farming here is biodynamic. Woods and meadows have been left in the parcels to preserve biodiversity, leaves and weeds are also left to limit the vigor of the vines and increase the presence of wildlife. He is convinced that only by respecting the natural balance of the area, refusing the use of industrial yeasts and other oenological products one can find a real expression of “terrior” in the wine.

WINES |

Saumur Rouge Bagatelle - 100% Cabernet Franc produced from young vines on a southern exposed hillside on tuffeau (chalk) soil. After a short maceration the wine is aged in tank. Nose of small red fruits with hints of woody undergrowth and tobacco.

Saumur Rouge La Tête de Lard - 100% Cabernet Franc from vines planted in the late 1990s in a parcel named “Sarrandières” exposed to the south west on a gentle slope on tuffeau soils. Ripe Cabernet, fruity with a firm backbone to hold the fruits in balance.

Saumur Rouge Enchantoir - 100% Cabernet Franc from a 6 acre parcel of Cabernet Franc planted between 1960 and 1961. The soil is a splendid Turonian and the vines have a brilliant a southern exposure.


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