

LOIRE
TOURAINE
MIKAËL BOUGES
ST-JULIEN-DE-CHEDON


OVERVIEW | Formerly running his family's property Domaine de la Puannerie, Mikaël Bouges set up on his own following the break-up of the estate. Out of necessity he bought three key parcels of vines from his parents (La Pente de Chavigny, La Puannerie, & Coudriere) amounting to 4 hectares, while he rents a further 4 hectares.

VINEYARD AREA: 8 hectares

SOIL TYPES: chalk and flint

GRAPE VARIETIES: sauvignon blanc, malbec

He is based on the Route de Tours – the old main road up the Cher Valley that passed through Saint-Julien-de-Chédon, Angé, Pouillé, Marueil-sur-Cher, among others - an old road that has long been superseded by the D976, which bypasses this string of villages that hug the base of the coteaux on the southern side of the Cher. "50 years ago there were 25 vigneron along this stretch of road," says Mikaël. "It was a popular site as it was the main road to Tours. All the way along the road there are small caves cut into the tuffeau (limestone). Most sold their wines on vrac (in bulk) but where Pascal Potaire lives at No 6, the producer used to sell by the bottle."

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | Influenced and inspired by Catherine and Didier of the Clos Roche Blanche, Mikaël hand harvests, and cultivates his vines organically, ploughing the flinty/clay/limestone/'perruche' soils to maximise the grapes natural acidities & using wild yeasts to capture the true character of the terroir. Vinification is presently carried out in a friend's chai up behind Montrichard, due east of Tours, while he scours the region for a suitable premises to buy.

WINES |

Sauvignon Blanc "La Pente de Chavigny"
 Côt "Les Côtés Hauts"


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