Bulles d'Or, Domaine Des Baumard

Loire Valley, France

Product code	BM04NVSB
Grapes	Chenin Blanc
Country	FRANCE
ABV%	5
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Domaine des Baumard
Vintage	NV

Producer

An estate in the Baumard family since the 17th century, the wines only really came to the fore under the stewardship of Jean Baumard, professor of viticulture and oenology, who from the mid-1950s brought a dynamic and scientific edge to the grape growing and wine production. Jean, after purchasing land in Savennières became the first vigneron of the region to own land on both sides of the Loire River. In the late 1980s, Jean's son, Florent, took over the 40 hectare property after his studies in Burgundy and set about adding a certain flair to the wines, building upon Jean's precision. Unoaked Chenin Blanc wines are the focus of the domaine whether they be dry (Savennières), sweet (Coteaux du Layon and Quarts de Chaume) or sparkling. They have incredible ageing potential of several decades.

Tasting Notes

A lightly sparkling wine, this is refreshing and softly sweet with notes of honey and delicate acidity. Because it is low alcohol, it makes a delicious apéritif or accompaniment to dessert. — Roger Voss

Viticulture

Made from a blend of 50% Chenin Blanc and 50% Chardonnay grown in the Domaine des Baumard vineyards, primarily around the estate in Rochefort-sur-Loire. The soils here are light sandy, clay over an alluvial base. The summers are warm bit not excessively hot whilst the winters are mild thanks to the proximity of the Loire River. The vineyard work is governed by the concept of minimum intervention. The soils are lightly ploughed when necessary and grass is sown every other row helping to improve the soil structure and lessen the need for intervention. Harvesting is done by hand with several selections in the same parcel during the harvest to ensure optimum grape ripeness.