

DOMAINE MUSSET-ROULLIER Anjou-Villages 'Le Carré Maître'

Located between Angers and Nantes, this modest estate in the petite village of La Pommeraye enjoys a particularly warm microclimate, which helps to push grapes to perfect ripeness, even in cooler years. This longtime family winery, now under new ownership, is located on the banks of the Loire River where the region's native Cabernet Franc and Chenin Blanc grapes have pride of place. From a selection of delicately fruity Anjou Rouge wines to their spring-lively Anjou Blanc, wines are fermented and aged in tank to preserve every bit of fresh, ripe fruit.

WINERY: Domaine Musset-Roullier **WINEMAKERS:** Alexis Morineau

ESTABLISHED: 1994

REGION: FRANCE • Loire Valley • La Pommeraye

APPELLATION: Anjou AOC **BLEND:** 100% Cabernet Franc

VINEYARDS: A selection of only older-vine fruit from estate parcels facing

north, planted on dark, richly mineral schist and blue limestone soils.

AGE OF VINES: 25 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Destemmed; briefly cold macerated. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in tank. Aged in tank for 18 months on fine lees.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas suggest red and black fruits, spring violets, herbal notes. Tangy, refined, ripe: grippy tannins, medium bodied

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Roasted chicken with fresh herbs; regional goat

cheese; French pâté with green peppercorns

