

L'Aniou est un iardin.

## **DOMAINE LE FIEF NOIR** Anjou Blanc 'Bonnes Blanches'

Bound by devout dedication to these northern lands as well as the communal hands needed to produce world-class wines, winemakers Dominique Sirot and Alexis Soulas have put their heart, soul and extensive knowledge into capturing the power and finesse of Anjou's mineral-rich, "noir" soils in every bottle. All farming at Fief Noir is organically and biodynamically guided, with the goal of bringing "the flow of sap right into the glass." Their wines, marked by a riveting freshness and luminous character, set a new standard not just for Anjou but also for the Loire Valley.



WINERY: Domaine Le Fief Noir

WINEMAKERS: Dominique Sirot and Alexis Soulas

ESTABLISHED: 2014

**REGION:** FRANCE • Loire Valley • Saint Lambert du Lattay

APPELLATION: Anjou AOC

BLEND: 100% Chenin Blanc

**VINEYARDS:** A single-vineyard selection from 'Bonnes Blanches,' a terroir that was planted to vines back in the Middle Ages; it is held as one of the great soils of Anjou, with clay and quartz stones over pure schist soils. Facing north, it is a cool site in the village of Saint-Lambert du Lattay; ripening is slow and harvest is late in the season.

AGE OF VINES: 45 years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Grapes macerated for 12 hours before pressing. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in tank. Aged in terracotta amphora for 12 months. Unfined.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas suggest crushed stones, light pepper, orange peel, stone fruits. Textured and suave, powerful; very long.

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** As an aperitif; roasted chicken with fresh herbs; regional goat cheese; French pâté with green peppercorns

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