

## **DOMAINE LE FIEF NOIR** Anjou Blanc 'Cartelles'

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 'Cartelles,' a terroir rich in white sand and quartz stone, an unusual mix for the region, with subsoils of schist. Facing southeast for sunny wines, more concentration.

**AGE OF VINES:** 45 years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Pressed directly; fermented on indigenous yeasts in tank. Aged 80% in terracotta jars and 20% in older French oak barrels for 12 months. Unfined.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas suggest yellow peaches and apricots, fresh almond. Textured and rich, powerful; good stony freshness on finish

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** As an aperitif; roasted chicken with fresh herbs;

regional goat cheese; French pâté with green peppercorns

