

Winemaker: Simon Tardieux

Region: Loire

Location: Thésée



Avec Vue Sur le Cher

SIMON TARDIEUX

Appellation: Touraine

Farming: Organic

Varietals: Sauvignon Blanc

Age of the vines: Vines
planted in 2002

Vineyard/Terroir: Single
vineyard "Maison Verdier" on
the steepest slopes in Thésée
overlooking the Cher river with
limestone-rich soils.

Vinification:

Harvested by hand and direct
pressing. Slow fermentation,
light filtration and minimal SO₂,
fermentation then aging on fine
lees.

About the winemaker:

As a teenager, Simon Tardieux
began working in the vines at a
famous organic domaine called
Clos Roche Blanche. After univer-
sity and a short stint as a social
worker, he decided to return to
Thésée and get back to viticul-
ture – the only problem was that
he didn't have any vineyards. He
teamed up with his neighbor Alain
Courtault, who was already in the
process of converting to organic
viticulture.

Simon has gradually taken over
the domaine and has been men-
tored along the way by Alain as
he prepares for his retirement.
Together, they have created
a range of simple, eminently
drinkable wines that showcase the
best of French farming. The work
in the vineyards goes far beyond
following the rules of organic far-
ming. Every decision Simon makes



is the result of thoughtful delibe-
rations and an effort to promote
a local "paysan" culture between
local farmers and winemakers.
Simon helps maintain a collec-
tive compost pile, has promoted
the local historical links to Roman
ruins in the area through his cuvée
'Les Maselles,' organizes local
organic fairs amongst organic
winemakers, and works with a
local photographer to document
the year-round effort of life in the
vineyards.