Winemaker Mathieu Vallée Region

Location Loire Valley Parnay

Appellations Saumur-Champigny, Saumur

Farming Certified Organic

Saumur Blanc Le Gory

Château Yvonne



Variety

100% Chenin Blanc

Annual Production

1,000 bottles

Vineyard

Le Gory

Vine Age

Planted in 1999

Size 0.15 hectares

Terroir

deep red clay soils, with a surface of rocky tuffeau stone

Vinification

Hand-harvested in small bins. 3 hours of pressurage, then settling for 1-2 nights in tank. Native yeast fermentation in barrel until Spring.

Elevage

12 months in barrel (30% new), then assembled for 3 months "en masse" in tank before bottling. No batonnage. Bottled unfined and unfiltered, on a fruit day during the Ascendant Moon.

Notes

As part of a long term vision to develop premier cru vineyards in Saumur, Mathieu Vallée introduced two single-vineyard wines -Le Beaumeray (red) and Le Gory (white). Le Gory comes from a single tiny parcel planted by Françoise Foucault in 1999. Le Gory has a unique blend of deep red clay and tuffeau, and beautifully shows off the best terroir of "La Côte".

About

Mathieu Vallée took over Château Yvonne in 2007. Vineyards are farmed organically using biodynamic principles, and all wines are made with natural yeast and minimal intervention in the traditional underground cellars in Parnay. The domaine has long been considered one of the finest in Saumur, a reputation that continues to improve under the careful stewardship of Mathieu Vallée.

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