

Chinon 2015

Chinon, Loire, France



Grape Varieties	100% Cabernet Franc
Closure	Double Disk
ABV	12.5%
Bottle Sizes	75cl

PRODUCER

The impressive Château Coudray-Montpensier, located in Chinon, has a rich history that dates back to the Middle Ages (1090 AD). The castle was built during the 14th century and was owned by a succession of nobility. In 1429, during the Hundred Years' War, Joan of Arc stayed in the castle's tower. She was waiting for an audience with King Charles VII of France to organise an attack against the English to relieve the French troops at the siege of Orléans. The property was acquired by Dr Christian Feray in 2005 and has undergone major restorations.

VINEYARDS

The property comprises of 30 hectares of vines, situated on the left bank of the river Vienne. The grapes grow on varied soils in the Chinon appellation, and thrive depending on the type of vintage. In dry and hot years, the vines are best suited to clay, limestone soils and in the wetter and cooler years they grow better on sandy soils. The Cabernet Franc used to make the Chinon is sourced from 14 hectares of vines grown in the finest vineyards in the Chinon appellation.

VINTAGE

Very promising across the region, with the same warm, dry summer that many other French regions enjoyed.

VINIFICATION

After a cold maceration of up to 10 days and alcoholic fermentation, the wine spent between six and 12 months in oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

With robust aromas of black fruit and vanilla, the wine is refreshing with bright acidity and subtle, round tannins, with blackcurrant and spice on the finish.