



GRAPE VARIETY 100 % Chenin blanc

ANALYZES Alcohol: 12,30 % Residual sugar: 0 g/L PH: 3,54 Volatile acidity: 0,75 g/L SO2 total: 18 mg/L

PRODUCTION 2.043 bottles

# "BÂTARD PRINCESSE " 2023

IGP VAL DE LOIRE BLANC

## THE ESTATE

Founded in 1936 by Eugène Amirault, the Y. Amirault estate is situated on the right bank of the Loire river, limestone land favored for cabernet franc. Taken over in 1977 by the grandson Yannick Amirault, it has constantly evolved to defend an organic and perfectionnist cultivation of the vine. Today, it is the great-grandson Benoît Amirault who cultivates the ten crus spread over the village of Bourgueil & Saint-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil (19 hectares in total). Each terroir is gardened according to the lunar cycle, picked by hand and then aged individually in casks and/or sandstone jars. And as always, 100 % of our wines are produced with grapes from the estate only (no purchase of grapes or wines).

### THE TERROIR

Chenin blanc replanted in 2017 and 2020 on the mythical hillside of the « Grand Clos », at the top of the village of Bourgueil, and facing South. Clay and flint above limestone sub-soil. Natural grass cover and tillage under the row.

#### WINEMAKING

100 % manual harvest.

Double sorting of the grapes, then long direct pneumatic pressing, without intermediate handling.

Sulphur-free vinification. Full alcoholic and malolactic fermentations made in barrels.

Aged in recent barrels for 9 months in the cellar (no racking).

## THE VINTAGE

2023 benifited from a lush season of extreme intensity, with alternating heat and storms. A quantitative and qualitative harvest potential never seen in the last ten years, moderated by a mild end of summer. Finally the 2023 profile is balanced and franck, with a gentle structure.

## **NOTES**

A dream that finally come true: cultivating the emblematic white grape variety of the Loire valley. And delivering our own wish, a wine to revive the ambitious « Bourgueil white » appellation. Drink now, and through 2028.

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