

Dom. de Villargeau 2017 Côteaux du Giennois

WineWise Code	FDV-CGI17
Country	France
Region	Loire
Subregion	Centre Loire
Color	White
Alcohol by Volume	12.5
Acidity	4.5
Residual Sugar	0.5
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	9000
Varieties	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	3 weeks
Aging method	Stainless Steel 100%
Aging duration (months)	6 months
Filtered?	Yes
Lees Contact or Stirring	Lees contact
Malolactic	No
Added Sulfur	Yes, 900ppm
Vineyard Name	Domaine de Villargeau (name of the small village)
Soil Type(s)	Calcareous
Elevation (meters)	190
Vineyard Aspect	Southwest
Vine age (years)	22
Vine Yields hl/ha	55
Farming practices	Sustainable
Vine Training Notes	Plowing and grass cover between the rows
Grape Picking	Machine

Notes from the producer:

This Sauvignon Blanc from flint soil (75%) offers the specificity of Côteaux du Giennois appellation, next to Sancerre and Pouilly Fumé: that is a blend of fruitiness, minerality and well-balanced freshness from the Centre Loire region.

In 1991 the Thibault family decided to create the "Domaine de Villargeau" on land facing south-southwest and enjoying the greatest amount of sunshine. Two brothers, Fernand and Jean-François Thibault, cleared hillsides abandoned since the phylloxera crisis in order to plant vines. The story continues when, in 2000, they were joined by one of their sons, Marc, returning to the area armed with his apprenticeship and experience in viticulture and oenology. Yves, Marc's brother has also joined the estate in 2016.



WineWise Notes:

We represent a serious number of different Loire Sauvignons, which is justified by the fact that each offers a subtly different expression of this popular and ever-rewarding variety. The defining influence here is the flint component of the vineyards, which lends to this light but penetrating wine an uncompromisingly dry but nonetheless salivating quality. Tucked underneath the puckerish surface is an ingratiating fruit sweetness. The 2017 has the characteristic concentration of this frost-marked vintage.

This tiny appellation, which hugs both sides of the Loire as it arcs north and west after Pouilly-Fumé, musters a total of 150 hectares, mostly dedicated to black grapes. Twenty of them belong to this this young domaine, founded by the brothers Fernand and Jean-François Thibault, in 1991. Joined in 2000 by one of their sons, Marc, a trained oenologist, they have quietly advanced to the fore and now are regarded as ambassadors for this little-known district.

