

## Marc Plouzeau 2017 Chinon Rosé

WineWise Code	FMP-CMR17
Country	France
Region	Loire
Color	Rosé
Alcohol by Volume	13
Acidity	4.10
Residual Sugar	0
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	1300
Varieties	Cabernet Franc
Maceration Notes	Direct Press
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	15 days
Aging method	Stainless Steel 100%
Aging duration (months)	6
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	None
Yeast	Native
Lees Contact or Stirring	6 hours
Malolactic	No
Added Sulfur	Yes, 50 mg/L
Vineyard Name	Domaine de la Croix Marie
Soil Type(s)	Gravel
Elevation (meters)	10
Vineyard Aspect	Southwest
Vine age (years)	30
Vine Yields hl/ha	45
Farming practices	Sustainable
Grape Picking	Machine

### Notes from the producer:

The property, Chateau de la Bonnelière, has belonged to the Plouzeau Family since 1846. My father, Pierre, bought it from his uncle and renewed the property, replanted the vines and built a new winery.

My grandfather started the Plouzeau company as a wine merchant without vineyards. My father took over the family company in 1949. He bought 2 properties, the Domain de la Garreliere in 1973 and Chateau de la Bonnelière in 1979 I took over the Chateau de la Bonnelière with 12ha in 1999 and began organic farming.



### WineWise Notes:

Those who followed the long-running Devants de la Bonnelière Touraine Rosé will know what a deft hand Marc has with rosé wine. This latest example is a step-up appellation-wise and offers the familiar thrill of Cabernet Franc gone pink. Poised between earth and fruit, it presents a drier, tangier and arguably more food- friendly rendition of the genre than is typical in France.

Pierre Plouzeau was a visionary man who, in his all-too-short life, created a négociant business like no other while running his own two domaines as well. His sons, François and Marc, are worthy successors, both firmly committed to the rigorous joys of bio-dynamic farming. Marc, who took over the family's historic Chinon property, Ch. de la Bonnelière, also functions as a négociant, working with a small number of top-quality growers to produce a range of dependable Loire classics. He goes from strength to strength as the years pass.

