

Joel Delaunay 2020 Rosé 'Le Grand Ballon Selection'

WineWise Code	FJD-GLB20
Country	France
Region	Loire
Color	Red
Case Size	12x750
Net	Discountable
ABV	13
Acidity	3.79
Residual Sugar	0.2
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual production	5000 bottles
Varieties	100% Gamay
Maceration Notes	Semi-carbonic maceration in stainless steel tank 6-8 days
Pumpover/Punchdown?	Yes
Destemming	Whole Cluster
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation Duration	20 days at 22C
Aging method	Stainless Steel 100%
Aging duration (months)	3 months
Filtered	Yes
Fining Agents	Bentonite
Yeast	Cultured
Lees Contact/Stirring	On fine lees no stirring
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes
Soil Type	Clay, silex
Elevation (meters)	138
Vineyard Aspect	North
Vine Age (years)	25
Vine Yields (hl/ha)	35
Farming practices	Certified Organic
Vine Training Notes	Guyot Simple
Grape Picking	Machine

Notes on the producer:

Thierry Delaunay has firmly established the estate he runs with his father in the forefront of this sprawling appellation. The village of Pouillé where he resides is home to several of the top Touraine growers and would seem to be exceptionally privileged, perhaps by dint of its relative elevation. His Sauvignon has developed a devoted following over the last few years for very good reason. What is truly impressive about Thierry is that he has greatly increased the size of his estate and production, but the average quality level of the wines has only gone up. He makes less red now than before, but what he makes is exemplary.



WineWise Notes:

Thierry also makes a blend of Gamay and cabernet franc in La Brossette, but it is a vineyard that seems to have a special aptitude for pure Gamay, as evidenced by this impressive wine, which marries the accessibility of the variety to a deeply fruity wine with powerful earth tones. Simultaneously serious and pleasurable.