

Gilbert Chon 2017 Cabernet Franc 'Le Tristan'

WineWise Code	FCH-CFT17
Country	France
Region	Loire
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	12.35
Acidity	3.1
Residual Sugar	1.2
Closure	Synthetic Cork
Annual cases produced	750
Varieties	100% Cabernet Franc
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation duration	15 days
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes, 25ppm
Vineyard Name	Le Tristan
Soil Type(s)	Alluvial
Elevation (meters)	10
Vineyard Aspect	West
Vine age (years)	39
Vine Yields hl/ha	55
Farming practices	Conventional
Vine Training Notes	Taille Guyot Simple non Palissee
Grape Picking	Machine

WineWise Notes:

Little did we know that les frères Chon also make an unspeakably delicious and soft Cabernet Franc that offers all the uncomplicated charm of which this grape is capable. The 2017 is almost suspiciously full for a wine that in some vintages caters more to the Cabernet Franc “leafy” diehards. But that is surely a fault on the right side. And what a bargain! This has understandably developed a following.



Notes from the producer:

Located 12 km (7.5 miles) east of Nantes, the Château de la Jousselinière is a quality center of Nantes wine-making, as grapevines have been growing there since 1643. The subsoil is made of granilite and friable schists that can be seen on the surface of the hillsides. The roots of the grapevines go down very deep in the soil, and only after several meters do the roots of the grapevine find the essential elements it needs.

The CHON Family began work in Burgundy vineyards around the 1690's. After the dreadful frost of 1709 that destroyed a big part of the French vineyards, Mathurin CHON left his native soil and following the Loire, settled near Nantes. Using a Burgundian grapevine, the Melon, he then started producing Muscadet. While respecting the family traditions, Gilbert CHON & sons today use modern techniques (temperature controlled fermentation, cold stabilization, vacuum bottling and corking, etc.) to improve wine quality and extend their aging.

WineWise Notes on Chon:

We waited a very long time until importing our first Muscadet, but now believe that we have found a winner. The Chon brothers practice organic viticulture in a patchwork of crus that show the subtle but clear distinctions of terroir that exist in this popular but little-understood area. They make impeccably clean, vividly expressive wines at reasonable prices, and have been hailed by David Schildknecht as offering exceptional quality and value.