

Joel Delaunay 2016 L'Antique des Cabotières (Touraine)

WineWise Code	FJD-LAN16
Country	France
Region	Loire
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	12.58%
Acidity	3.31 g/L
Residual Sugar	1.2 g/L
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	500
Varieties	50% Cabernet Franc, 50% Malbec
Maceration Notes	Maceration in stainless steel tank 8 days.
Pumpover or Punchdown?	No
Destemming	Whole Cluster
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	20 days at 25°C with micro-oxygenation.
Aging method	Stainless Steel 100%
Aging duration (months)	4 months
Filtered?	No
Fining agents	N/A
Yeast	Cultured
Lees Contact or Stirring	On fine lees
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes
Soil Type(s)	Clay with Silex
Elevation (meters)	138m
Vineyard Aspect	North
Vine age (years)	35
Vine Yields hl/ha	45
Farming practices	Sustainable
Vine Training Notes	Guyot simple
Grape Picking	Machine

Notes from the producer:

The property has been passed from father to son for 5 generations. In 1965, Joël Delaunay settled down and gives the domain the name that we know today. He began marketing in bottles in the early 1970s and expanded to retail and export sales in 1980. For 50 years, he continued to enlarge the Domain by purchasing vines and constructing a sales cellar and modern winery.



WineWise Notes:

Thierry's red wines have achieved a degree of polish and purity in recent vintages that was less apparent in the past. This quintessential Loire blend has a sumptuous colour, penetrating aroma and a satiny texture on the palate to match its uncompromisingly authentic fruit.

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.

