

Dom. Aux Moines 1999 Savennières - Roches aux Moines

WineWise Code	FAM-SAV99
Country	France
Region	Loire
Color	White
Alcohol by Volume	13.5
Acidity	5.3
Residual Sugar	1.5
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	2500
Varieties	100% Chenin Blanc
Aging method	Used Barrique 30%, Stainless Steel 70%
Aging duration (months)	12
Filtered?	Yes
Yeast	Spontaneous
Malolactic	No
Added Sulfur	Yes
Soil Type(s)	Volcanic
Elevation (meters)	80
Vineyard Aspect	Southwest
Vine age (years)	34
Vine Yields hl/ha	30
Farming practices	Conventional

Notes from the producer:

Monks began cultivating the land in the middle ages and continued until the French Revolution. Various owners owned the vineyards until the current winemaker's parents bought the property in 1981 from the decedents of Madame Faure who had bought the property in 1930. This winery has a history of female owners. Winemaker Tessa took over from her mother in 2003.



WineWise Notes:

This is not a mis-print! This “new” vintage is the latest to have crossed over to what one might describe as its tertiary stage. There is a smoky quality to the aroma that does not exactly prepare you for the delicious fusion of marmalade fruit and piquant minerality on the palate, nor the intriguing chocolate nuance in the tail. A poetic wine that offers endlessly changing stimulation. Made by Monique in the pre-organic era, it shows that the quality of terroir trumps all other considerations and that Tessa had a good teacher in her mother!

Monique and Tessa Laroche, the charming mother and daughter team who run this pocket-sized (2500 cases) estate in La Roche Aux Moines (an appellation now with all of five proprietors), evidently have little need to make a living. How else to explain the mind-boggling fact that they continue to offer many vintages back to 1992 in commercial quantities? All the more amazing in view of the exemplary quality of the wines. Now, after an adulatory review from David Schildknecht in a well-known wine journal, everybody wants them. As of the 2010 Vintage the Domaine is certified organic. We are delighted to be able to offer an older vintage that showed off the aging potential of this great wine.

