Joel Delaunay 2016 "La Voûte", Sauvignon Blanc (Chenonceaux)

WineWise Code	FJD-LAV16
Country	France
Region	Loire
Color	White
Alcohol by Volume	12.86
Acidity	3.86
Residual Sugar	3.7
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	2800
Varieties	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Maceration Notes	100% of skin contact maceration in the press during 20 hours
Pumpover or Punchdown?	No
Destemming	Whole Cluster
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	20 days at 16 °C
Aging method	Stainless Steel 100%
Aging duration (months)	8
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	Bentonite
Yeast	Cultured
Lees Contact or Stirring	One fine lees with stirrring, 6 months
Malolactic	No
Added Sulfur	Yes
Vineyard Name	La Voute meaning: Name of Castle
Soil Type(s)	Clay with Silex
Elevation (meters)	138
Vineyard Aspect	North
Vine age (years)	25
Vine Yields hl/ha	55
Farming practices	Sustainable
Vine Training Notes	Guyot simple
Grape Picking	Machine

Notes from the producer:

This wine of Touraine Chenonceaux appellation is presented like Premium Sauvignon Blanc in Touraine region. Has been awarded a Gold Medal (96 points) in Decanter World Wine Awards 2018. Has been awarded a Silver Medal in International Wine Challenge 2018. Obtained 91 points in Gilbert & Gaillard Wine Guide 2018.

WineWise Notes:

A tête de cuvée given skin-contact and extended aging on the lees, it quite overwhelmed us by its combination of precision and generosity. A style that one suspects our Antipodean friends would give their eye-teeth to emulate. Starting in 2014, the vineyard is classified in the new Chenonceaux appellation. Despite successive reduced harvests, the wine offers exceptional value.

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.

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