

Joel Delaunay 2020 Sauvignon Blanc 'Le Grand Ballon'

WineWise Code	FJD-LGB20
Country	France
Region	Loire
Color	White
Case Size	12x750
Net	Discountable
ABV	12
Acidity	3.92
Residual Sugar	4.6
Closure	Screw-top
Annual production	50,000 cases
Varieties	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Maceration Notes	Direct pneumatic press
Pumpover/Punchdown?	No
Destemming	Whole Cluster
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation Duration	20 days at 16C
Aging method	Stainless Steel 100%
Aging duration (months)	3 months
Filtered	Yes
Fining Agents	Bentonite
Yeast	Cultured
Lees Contact/Stirring	on fine lees without stirring
Malolactic	No
Added Sulfur	Yes
Soil Type	Clay, silex
Elevation (meters)	138
Vineyard Aspect	South
Vine Age (years)	15
Vine Yields (hl/ha)	65
Farming practices	Sustainable
Vine Training Notes	Guyot Simple
Grape Picking	Machine

WineWise Notes:

This wine goes from strength to strength. As might be expected, 2019 offered an uncommon degree of fruity charm, but no lack of cut and thrust.



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.

