



2018 ALAIN de la TREILLE Pinot Noir France – Loire Valley – Vin de France

ABOUT MAISON ALAIN de la TREILLE

Alain de la Treille was a farmer and wine enthusiast, who grew up in Touraine & spent his life promoting the Touraine area and Loire Valley wines. He became great friends with Jean-Claude Bougrier, a winemaker from Saint Georges sur Cher. The two could spend hours talking about Loire Valley style, terroir and how to improve the vinification process.

When Alain passed away in 1985, Jean-Claude decided to create a wine brand to pay tribute to his good friend, and Alain de la Treille wines were born. Jean-Claude's son Noël took over in 1988, becoming the fifth generation of his family to make wine. Noel created 3 cellars, widening the wine growing area of the estate to the entire Loire Valley, from Sancerre to the Pays Nantais. Noël Bougrier still runs the winery today, with help from son Nicolas and daughter Sophie.

The vineyards cover 100 hectares (247 acres), with vines averaging 25 years old. Wines are made under the direction of Lionel Métaireau. A sixth-generation winemaker, he is native of Le Pallet in the Muscadet vineyard, close to Nantes.

ABOUT THE WINE

This Pinot Noir is beautifully balanced with an elegant ruby robe. The mouth is velvety with black cherry & earthy notes. Vines are located outside the AOC boundaries, hence the Vin de France classification.

RATING

88 PTS JAMES SUCKLING

Vintage	2018
Appellation	Loire Valley – Vin de France
Varietal(s)	100% Pinot Noir
Vinification	Classic vinification and maturation in stainless steel vats (aged 6 months in stainless steel; no oak). Malolactic fermentation; slight filtration before bottling.
Vine Age	25 years
Size	12/750ml
UPC	7 84585 01968 7

