

Domaine des Varinelles

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Domaine des Varinelles is located in the town of Varrains. It is a fourth-generation family winery run by Claude and Laurent Daheuille. The vineyard today covers 42 hectares (100 acres), with 32 hectares in Saumur Champigny. The vineyard is planted with Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc, including several well-known areas such as Les Petits Clos, Les Bonnezeaux, Le Clos Marconnet and Les Poyeux. The vines are 35 to 60 years old on average, with the oldest vines planted in 1900. The soil is clay-limestone.

Integrated farming methods are being used wherever possible; their young viticulture team has a great respect for nature. Their climate-controlled warehouse houses stainless steel temperature-controlled tanks with automatic punch down. Maceration lasts between 15 and 30 days. 2/3 of their production is sold in bottle; the remaining 1/3 is sold in bulk.

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