

2016 Vouvray Le Mont Demi-Sec

Domaine Huet, Loire, France

Product details

Vintage:	2016	Drinking:	2017
Producer:	Domaine Huet	Alcohol:	
Region:	Loire	Variety:	
Country:	France		

Tasting notes

A striking, crystalline nose evolves from floral, to spice to orange peel and then white pepper. 2016 really seems to be a demi-sec vintage in particular, as this Le Mont demonstrates. Whilst there is sweetness, the wine is exceptionally pure and light on its feet. An exquisite juxtaposition between white orchard fruit and a minerally citrus frame; the fine vinous texture has real depth and substance lifted breathlessly by honeyed citrus flesh.

Reviews

A star of Chenin Blanc in the Loire Valley, Domaine Huët was founded in 1928; the Hwang family bought it from the Huëts in 2003. The domaine was one of the early proponents of biodynamics in the region, converting in 1990. The estate mainly comprises three vineyards: Le Haut-Lieu, Le Mont and Clos du Bourg. The distinct terroir of Le Mont, with its clay and silex soils, yields fresh, minerally wines. The demi-sec has 20 grams per liter of residual sugar, and winemaker Jean-Bernard Berthomé ages the wine half in demi-muid and half in stainless-steel tanks for six months.

95 Points, Wine Spectator

RS 20 g/l. Relatively closed in comparison with the other Huet Demi-Secs. Waxy texture, but not at all overweight. Oily character on the finish and supreme concentration on the length. 13%. Drink 2018-2028.

17.5 Points, Richard Hemming MW

About the producer

Few producers can claim a level of influence to almost identify with their appellation – one of those is Domaine Huet. This iconic estate has been one of the standard-bearers of Vouvray since 1928. A true pioneer, Gaston Huet was one of the first vigneron to adopt biodynamic practices and to focus on single-vineyard bottlings. Remaining true to the philosophy of the founders, Sarah Hwang and Jean-Bertrand Berthomé continue to craft superbly long-lived Chenin Blanc from their three vineyards. From lively sparkling to unctuous Moelleux, the Domaine Huet range is the most extraordinary way to venture into Vouvray.

