



Chateau la Varière

Part of the Meilleurs Terroirs range

## ANJOU VILLAGES BRISSAC VIEILLES VIGNES *Red - 2016*

*Generous and full bodied*

### « A GREAT LOIRE VALLEY RED »

We carefully selected parcels from our vineyard to elaborate this wine: chalky-clay for the Cabernet Franc and gravelly-clay for the Cabernet Sauvignon. These nice terroirs are situated on gentle well-drained slopes, allowing these grape varieties to fully express their typical characteristics.

### VINE-GROWING AND WINEMAKING

**Grape varieties:** Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon

**Soils/Terroirs:** chalky-clay for the Cabernet Franc and gravelly-clay for the Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Vinification details:**

The berries of each parcel are tasted in view of harvesting at the right moment – when they start to shrivel all the while remaining in perfect condition. The grapes are macerated for 4 weeks to fully extract the tannins. The Cabernet Sauvignon is matured in year-old casks, in view of obtaining silkiness and finesse at the same time as structure. These two varieties are blended 3 to 6 months before bottling to obtain a homogeneous wine.

**Maturing period:** 12 to 15 months in barrels for the Cabernet Sauvignon

### THE VINEYARD

Chateau la Varière is located in the district of Vauchrétien, next to the famous Chateau de Brissac. Our estate is surrounded by its vines and different parcels in the surrounding area. Chateau la Varière is characterized by the use of the best terroirs. This variety of terroirs adds complexity to the estate's wines. Blending the different wines of each plot or parcel is one of the keys to the success of Chateau la Varière. Vine-growing techniques capture the essence of each parcel. Short pruning, heavy grass cover, and low hanging bunches count among the features allowing us to obtain high alcohol levels for the red and sweet wines.

### TASTING NOTES

#### COLOR

Dark with deep garnet tints.

#### AROMAS

Fragrant well ripened black and red berry notes, joined by aromas of jam, tobacco, laurel and spices.

#### ON THE PALATE

Generous, opulent and well structured.  
Mineral notes, typical of the terroir.

### FOOD PAIRING

Grilled or roasted meat, game.  
Soft, hard or blue cheese.

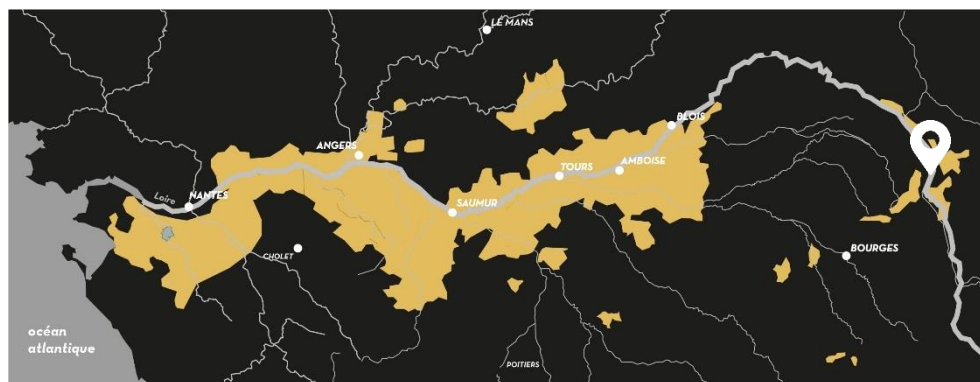
Serving temperature:  
Between 15 to 16°C



## *Meilleurs Terroirs, where Great Wines are born ...*

Comprising many exceptional castles, the Loire Valley is also called the Valley of the Kings. It was the crucible of France's art of living and power, and is without a doubt the cradle of high quality wines. Meilleurs Terroirs is the portfolio of brands, specializing in great wines derived from the region's most well-known terroirs. Such as Chateau de Sancerre, Chateau la Varière, Domaine de la Perruche... exceptional wines from great chateaux and estates, which have built the reputation of our finest appellations.

Loire Valley wines flourish in a **unique cultural landscape**, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Loire Valley vineyard extends over 65,000 hectares within 4 regions - Pays Nantais, Anjou-Saumur, Touraine and Centre Loire. All and all, this wine route represents a distance of 800 km.



"The Loire Valley is France's 3rd largest winegrowing region. Stretching from the Atlantic coast to the Centre region, it is a point of equilibrium, where north meets south, sophistication meets freshness, art meets literature, and tradition meets modernity. These harmonious contrasts - plus the generally temperate climate and extraordinarily varied terroirs - have produced the world's most diverse array of wines. As a result, France's longest river is capable of providing a rich selection of over 50 still and sparkling AOP and PGI wines and over 10 varieties (Chenin, Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Melon de Bourgogne, Cabernet Franc...). All of the wines are in the nature of the Loire Valley."

### **About Chateau La Varière** **« A moment suspended by the beauty of our senses »**

The origins of the vineyard of Chateau la Varière date back to the 15th century as bear witness the huge press and the timber cellar at the entrance of the estate, situated at the heart of the Anjou winegrowing area. The vineyard is carefully managed in view of making the most out of each parcel. The terroirs and the art of blending are the key to the success of our estate, the standard of quality of which, is recognized worldwide, thanks to its great Loire Valley red wines (Anjou, Anjou Villages Brissac), white wines (Anjou blanc), rosés wines (Rosé de Loire and Cabernet d'Anjou) and sweet wines (Bonnezeaux, Coteaux du Layon, Coteaux de l'Aubance, Quarts de Chaume Grand Cru).

*Sensorial- Refined- Rare - Elitist*

