

DOMAINE DU CLOSEL

SAVANNIÈRES CLOS DU PAPILLON

ORIGIN

Loire, Savannières, France

WINE TYPE & VARIETIES

Still white, Chenin Blanc

VINEYARD

South/ south west exposure. Slightly warmer sight, protected by trees and bushes. The Clos du Papillon (Grand cru) is one of the three most celebrated coulées or small ravine-like valleys in Savannières.

SOIL

Green and purple schist, rhyolite and quartz

AGE OF VINES

50-70 y/o

VITICULTURE

Biodynamic, mainly gobelet trellis.

VINIFICATION

Grapes are picked in different passes due to different age of the vines. The grapes are destemmed and after each picking the must is vinified separately in used 400l oak barrels. Blended one year later then left 4-5 months for harmonizing.

Evelyne de Pontbriand took over her venerable family estate known historically as the Château des Vaults but now as Domaine du Closel in 2001 in a career change from teaching French literature.

Her mother Michèle de Jessey was a notable figure in the Chenin-only appellation of Savannières, having inherited the estate from her aunt, Madame du Closel; she was devoted to all things Savannières, and even became its president, the first woman to run an AOC.

Evelyne inherited her mother's passion and technical acuity and now meticulously manages the estate, which comprises 14 hectares of Chenin Blanc (as well as 3 of Cabernets Franc and Sauvignon). The estate was certified organic in 2006 and received full biodynamic certification as of the 2015 vintage. Savannières is a famously unique, intense, savory and structured expression of Chenin Blanc, thanks to the preponderance of schist, a form of slate, in its soils; Evelyne has learned from her 16 years on the job that meticulous, minimal farming and winemaking is the most effective way to convey its essence.

Domaine du Closel is one of the leading estates in Savannières and dates back to 1495. The estate holds about 16 hectares of land, 14 ha covered with vines. The estate is located in the western part of Savannières based on schist and volcanic soils, some of the vines are up to 70 years old. The Savannières appellation holds about 140 hectares in total, which makes it a very small appellation. They have great vineyard work and very sensible practices (no thinning, gobelet planting, selection massale.) The estate is biodynamic certified since 2015, in the forefront of research of natural methods, since 2017 they also hold the certification of Biodyvin.



VIN EST. 2012