

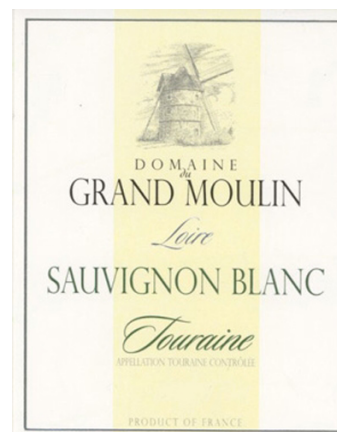
Domaine du Grand Moulin

Located in central Loire, to the east of Saumur, Touraine is the Loire Valley's most important wine region. While better known for its red wines of Bourgueil and Chinon, Touraine is also home to whites from Montlouis and Vouvray. Here, near the town of Tours, you'll find some very fine Sauvignon—pocket friendly options to the whites of Sancerre and Pouille-Fumé—that are acidity-driven and refreshing. And while quite quaffable, these wines are not to be dismissed. In riper vintages, Touraine is known to produce some exceptional quality wines.



On the northern banks of the Cher River—a tributary of the Loire just east of Tours—sits a single large vineyard of Sauvignon Blanc. Owned by the Chainier family for four generations, Domaine du Grand Moulin has twelve hectares of vines that are rooted in siliceous limestone clay on slopes that face south. With a 16th century windmill (grand moulin) that was originally built to process the surrounding wheat, the land of Domaine du Grand Moulin once provided flour so that the nearby Chateau Chenonceau (originally dating to before the 11th century), might make bread. Still standing in the vineyard's midst, the grand moulin is a relic that graces the label of every bottle.

Touraine



Varietal/Blend: Sauvignon Blanc

Farming Practices: sustainable

Exposure: south

Soil: Silicious limestone and clay

Vine Training: guyot

Harvest Technique: mechanical

Year Vines Were Planted: 1980

Yeast: ambient

Fermentation: Stainless steel with 25% carbonic fermentation

Malolactic: blocked

Maturation: 10 months in stainless steel

Alcohol: 12%

Fined: yes

Filtered: yes

Country: France

Region: Loire

Subregion: Touraine

Vineyard: n/a

Vineyard Size: 12 ha.

Fermented in stainless steel, Grand Moulin offers a full bouquet of citrus fruit sprouting from a bed of rocks. It's a wine that drinks easy, with a refreshing finish and acidity that balances but doesn't bite back.