



# Loire, Domaine Claude Lafond, Le Clos du Château, AOC Valençay, Rouge

AOC Valençay, Vallée de la Loire et Centre, France

Domaine Claude Lafond is a family estate of 3 generations established in Reuilly, and now run by Nathalie Lafond. His father Claude is involved in the extension of the appellation, increasing its size from 48 to 280 hectares. The estate is composed of 33 hectares in Reuilly and 3 hectares in Valençay, and started its organic conversion in September 2021. Since 2022, the vineyard is no longer worked with a tractor, but with a horse. Next step: production of nature wines!

## PRESENTATION

From one single vineyard.

#### **TERROIR**

Clay and silica

## WINEMAKING

Cold fermentation and settling.

Malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tank. Ageing in stainless steel tank for 10 to 12 months.

## VARIETALS

Pinot Noir 50%, Malbec 30%, Gamay 20%

# GM: No

Contains sulphites. Does not contain egg or egg products. Does not contain milk or milk-based products.

## AGEING POTENTIAL

5 to 10 years

## TASTING

Deep color with purple reflections.

Intense nose, offering an aromatic palette mixing red fruits (sour cherry) with with mentholated, peppery and undergrowth notes as well as notes evoking chestnut. Balanced palate, we find the scents of the nose (menthol, pepper), notes of licorice. It is a wine that needs to be forgotten for 4 or 5 years because when young, the tannins can have a tendency to be a little too sharp.

## **FOOD PAIRINGS**

Creamy dish, game, poultry.







