



Philosophale

Philosophale illustrates the calmness and the poetry of the Vallée du Loir as well as the complexity of the wine.

This cuvée is made only in exceptional years from selective picking of botrytised grapes over 18% vol., on the oldest parcels of Coteaux du Loir.

■ APPELLATION:

- White Coteaux du Loir - botrytised wine.

■ GRAPE VARIETY:

- Chenin 100%. Vines among the oldest.

■ SOIL (TERROIR):

- Clay with flint on tuffeau (limestone). Variation on clays and on the granulation of broken flint, sometimes sand. Several parcels located on 3 parishes.

■ VITICULTURE:

- Ground works : ploughing, earthing-up and hoeing. No weed killers.
- Low yields. Manual harvest.

■ VINIFICATION:

- Natural fermentation in barrels. Maturing 18 months.
- The final balance is the work of nature.

■ TASTING:

- 1999: Old gold colour, concentrated, intense and brilliant. Very complex nose of soft spices and crystallized fruits, backed by a touch of oxidation. Mouth surprising with a balance between liquor/acidity and purity brought by the soil. Impressively long on the palate. *Le Guide Fleurus des Vins 2002*

■ SERVICE:

- Open 1h in advance.
- Serve in carafe at 10°.
- Goes with: Figs stuffed with chicken, Munster cheese.

See also: [maturity period and food matches](#)

PRESS REVIEWS

Guide Fleurus des Vins

1999: **18 /20** - This wine is made only when grapes reach 18 % potential alcohol. The richness of this very original wine is, thanks to a beautiful acidity and a great purity, a perfect expression of the fruit and the terroir. (2002 edition)

1997: **18 /20** - Golden colour with green tints. Nose marked by mineral and jam aromas enhanced by fresh mint notes. Rich mouth dominated by a marvellous acidity. Beautiful length. A magnificent wine with a good potential for evolution.

(2001 edition)

Magnum Vinum

1999: Excellent wine. Apogee: 2005-2017.

Mark:



1997: Exceptional wine. Apogee: 2003-2009

Mark:



(2000)

Guide Malesan des Vins de France

1999: Well balanced in spite of its richness, this mellow wine can be drunk for itself, at any time. (2001 ed.)

Domaine de Bellivière

"PHILOSOPHALE"

Coteaux du Loir
Appellation Coteaux du Loir Contrôlée

1999

Eric NICOLAS
vigneron

Élevé et mis en bouteille au Domaine
Bellivière 72340 Lhomme France

500 ml

Product of France

11% vol.