

Loire Valley Tasting Guide

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Region Overview: The Loire Valley is located in northwestern France and is broken into 4 areas:

- Lower Loire: Maritime climate, close to the Atlantic, predominately white wines
- Middle Loire: Wide range of wines from sparkling, sweet, rosé, and red
- Central Loire: High-quality white wines from Sauvignon Blanc and some lighter red wines
- Upper Loire: Lesser known, more red wines from Pinot Noir and Gamay

Major Wine Styles

(Example of the style)

- Sparkling (Cremant de Loire)
- Rosé (Rosé d'Anjou)
- Dry White (Muscadet)
- Off-Dry White (Vouvray Demi Sec)
- Sweet White (Coteaux de Layon)
- Light Body Red (Sancerre Rouge)
- Medium Body Red (Chinon)

Major Grapes

(Example wine for grape)

- Melon de Bourgogne (Muscadet)
- Sauvignon Blanc (Sancerre)
- Chenin Blanc (Vouvray)
- Pinot Noir (Sancerre Rouge)
- Gamay (Sancerre Rouge)
- Cabernet Franc (Chinon)

Wines From the Tasting

Year / Producer / Fanciful Name (if applicable) / Region / Appellation / **Grape(s)**

- 1) 2022 / Chateau du Jaunay / Lower Loire / Muscadet Sèvre et Main Sur Lie / **Melon de Borgogne**
- 2) 2021 / Clémant et Florian Berthier / Central Loire / Menetou-Salon / **Sauvignon Blanc**
- 3) 2022 / Gilles Blanchet / Les Champs des Plantes / Central Loire / Pouilly-Fumé / **Sauvignon Blanc**
- 4) 2022 / Famille Bougrier / Middle Loire / Vouvray Sec / **Chenin Blanc**
- 5) 2018 / Clémant et Florian Berthier / Central Loire / Coteaux du Giennois / **Pinot Noir & Gamay**
- 6) 2021 / Les Vendanges de F. Chidaine / Middle Loire / Touraine / **Côt (Malbec), Cabernet Franc, Pinot d'Aunis**
- 7) 2019 / Domaine de la Chanteleuserie / Middle Loire / Bourgueil / **Cabernet Franc**

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