



# DOMAINE PIERRE-LUC BOUCHAUD

## « Sur Lie »

### MUSCADET SÈVRE & MAINE

This wine is made with 100% Mélon de Bourgogne (Muscadet) from 50+ year old vines. The rootstocks are planted in soil comprised of limestone, sand and schist, which adds an elegant minerality to the wine.

The Bouchaud name has been associated with wine production since 1850. Six generations later, Pierre-Luc Bouchaud took over the family business in 1987. Since then, the vineyards have grown from 11 hectares to 19 hectares. They are located in Saint Fiacre-sur-Maine. The terroir selection comes from land parcels that constantly deliver a great quality award-winning wine. Bouchaud has been certified by Terra Vitis since 2003.

Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur Lie has been an appellation since 1936. Muscadet Sèvre et Maine is located in the Loire Valley and takes its name from two rivers that flows through the area: Sèvre Nantaise and the Maine. The soils in the appellation consist mainly of gneiss and schist. Granite can also be found but in lower quantities. The varietal “Mélon de Bourgogne” originated from Burgundy, but was supplanted in the 16<sup>th</sup> century with varietals that was more suitable to the soil and climate there.

Mélon de Bourgogne was more suited to the cooler climate in and around the Anjou region as it held up to frost well. At the same time, the Dutch were using Melon de Bourgogne as a base for their brandy and planted vineyards around Nantes, the closest port. This wasn't important until 1709, the coldest recorded winter in over 500 years, when vineyards were devastated. However, the Melon de Bourgogne survived. It is a refreshing wine and its qualities shine with seafood, especially oysters.

#### ORIGIN

LOIRE, FRANCE

#### APPELLATION

Muscadet Sèvre & Maine

#### VINEYARD

Flinty clay Silex soils from 34-hectare estate.

#### BLEND

100% Mélon de Bourgogne

#### FARMING

Sustainably farmed: use of ground cover, canopy management, green harvesting.

#### AGING

Aged on fine lees with weekly stirring for three months.

#### ACCOLADES

2018 **This wine has not been rated**

