



DOMAINE DE PALLUS

Year Founded: 1883

Region: Loire, France

Winemaker and Owner:
Bertrand Sourdis

Known for: Producing
uniquely aromatic
Cabernet Franc.

Cool Fact: The wines age
in used Chateau Haut-
Brion Barrels.

**-Biodynamic, Organic,
Sustainable-**

Located in the Loire Valley, the prestigious appellation Chinon owns 2500 hectares of Cabernet Franc grapes. Cravant les Coteaux is a French village that includes 750 hectares of this appellation, but only 70 hectares are located in the hillside. Since 2005 Bertrand Sourdis works to show the charm and the historical heritage of the Cabernet Franc in his wines. Bertrand has brought to the project an insider's sense of tradition combined with an outsider's eye for change. He aspires to test the limits of possibility for the vineyards that 5 generations of his family have worked. The estate holds almost 30 small parcels located in Chinon's heart at Cravant-les-Coteaux. Soils range from heavy, limestone-rich clay to sand. Bertrand selects from the estate's best parcels to work in "his way," and those form the basis for his Les Pensées. He likes a blend of limestone clay (for aromatics), heavier clay (for power), and sand (for finesse). Bertrand employs a thoughtful adaptation of biodynamics - listening to the vines instead of listening to rote dogma. Bertrand utilizes an extremely long, gentle maceration (over 30 days) to capture the "soul" of his Cabernet Franc. Elevage is similarly unhurried, with a gentle 18 months in second passage barrels purchased from elite Bordeaux estates.



2022 Chinon 'Messanges' Rouge

Messanges is an old Loire Valley name for Cabernet Franc. Vinified for immediate accessibility, they are the perfect introduction to the Pallus style. Made from younger vines in the sandy Clos de Briançon vineyard, aged in concrete and stainless steel rather than oak for early drinkability, bright red berry flavors, and a soft texture.



2020 Les Pensées de Pallus

Sourced from several parcels of 30+ year old vines in Cravant-les-Coteaux, the heart of the appellation. Soils range from a blend of limestone and clay to heavier clay and lighter sandy soils. Long and gentle macerations are employed (often over 30 days) and fermented in tank using natural yeasts. Aged 18 months in second passage barriques.

91 Points – Vinous - *"Has a lovely sense of breadth and fullness while remaining light on its feet. Balanced and pure with plenty of elegance and refinement. The finest of powdery tannins coat the palate. While fully ripe with cherry, raspberry and rhubarb flavors, it's not overripe. This was the first year that Bertrand Sourdis adopted a long maceration inspired by his Spanish friend Alvaro Palacios. He believes it provides more precision and definition."*