

# Désert 2021

# **Grape variety**

Sauvignon Blanc

# Age of the vines

From 20 to 30 years old

#### Plot

Le Désert des Fouinelles

#### **Terroir**

Kimmeridgian marls (marls with little oyster fossils)

#### Vine

Respectful of biodiversity. HVE3 certification. Soil tillage. Disbudding. Leaf removal according to the years.

#### Vinification

Working process: one tank = one plot. All our plots are harvested, vinified, and aged separately. Grapes are directly pressed in a pneumatic press, at low pressure. End of press juices are separated. Thermoregulated stainless steel tanks, vinification between 14°C (57°F) and 20°C (68°F) to preserve the aromatic potential.

# **Aging**

No malolactic fermentation to keep the freshness. 8 months on fine lees minimum. Batonnage.

# Degree of alcohol

12,5

#### Characteristic of the cuvée

Désert is a parcel cuvée. All the grapes come from a specific terroir: Le Désert, full of small oyster fossils, named in the past « Le Désert des Fouinelles », because the soil is so dry and stony, that nothing grows, except the vine. This particular terroir marks the identity of the cuvée.

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# **Vintage**

2021 was a real challenge. From March to August, we had to cope with frost, hail, rain and disease, to be graced with sunshine on the first days of harvest. After 47 years of harvesting, and Lucia's first harvest, it's a happy end and a beautiful vintage.

## **Tasting**

Color: intense gold color, with straw reflections. Bright.

Nose: floral notes with a spicy touch of saffron.

Palate: structured, with notes of fresh white fruits, litchi and citrus. Vegetable notes, and minerality.

Finish: a very long finish.

## **Tasting temperature**

Not chilled but fresh, around 10°C – 50°F.

## Food & wine pairing

A wine to enjoy with flamed prawns, a fish gratin, a sabayon.

#### **Aging**

We advise you to drink it 3 to 5 years after its bottling, to appreciate the freshness of its youth.

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#### Story of the estate

A family history since the 18th century. At 17 Régis took 3 hectares estate from his father, when he suddenly passed away. 2021 Lucia succeeded Régis.

#### Characteristics of the estate

12 hectares located around the village of Pouilly sur Loire.
A single grape variety: Sauvignon blanc.
Vineyards cultivated with respect for biodiversity.
Terroirs: kimmeridgian marls, terres blanches (calcaires de Villiers), caillottes.
State-of-the-art winery and equipment
Vinification: preserving the identity of Sauvignon Blanc terroirs.

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