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Athletes du Vin

Owner: Cooperative / Negociant project

Country: France

Region: Loire Valley

Founded: 2016

Annual Production: 5,000cs

Description: Athletes du Vin is a cooperative négociant project involving a number of the top winemakers in the Loire Valley with the goal of producing wines that are representative of the appellations and varietals found along the Loire and offer compelling value. The wines are vinified by the members of the cooperative using either their own grapes or grapes produced by friends and neighbors in a minimalist and expressive style.

Wine Notes – 2019 Athletes du Vin Chardonnay

The young winemakers behind the Athletes du Vin cooperative negociant project are among the best-known and most respected Loire Valley vignerons of their generation, including Thierry Germain, Pierre Breton and Matthieu Vallee (of Chateau Yvonne). Using their own grapes or grapes grown by neighbors and friends, these superb winemakers vinify the wines in their own facilities, using their own expertise and minimal intervention methods. However, they share the goal of producing wines that both represent the varied terroirs of the Loire Valley and offer superb value for money. The 2019 Chardonnay is an IGP Val de Loire bottling and features crisp notes of apple, pear and stone fruit with a firm minerality and vibrant acidity. This refreshing, lower alcohol beauty is vinified entirely in concrete tanks to preserve the pure fruit flavors and backbone.

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard Region:	IGP Val de Loire
Vine Age / Density:	20 year old vines on average
Production Volume:	1,500 cases produced
Vineyard Characteristics:	Sandy clay
Wine-Making / Vinification:	Hand-harvested, fermented in concrete tanks using native yeast to preserve fresh fruit flavors and minerality, cold-settling Aged 6 months in neutral concrete, bottled immediately thereafter
Alcohol / Volume:	13.0%
Residual Sugar:	0 g/L