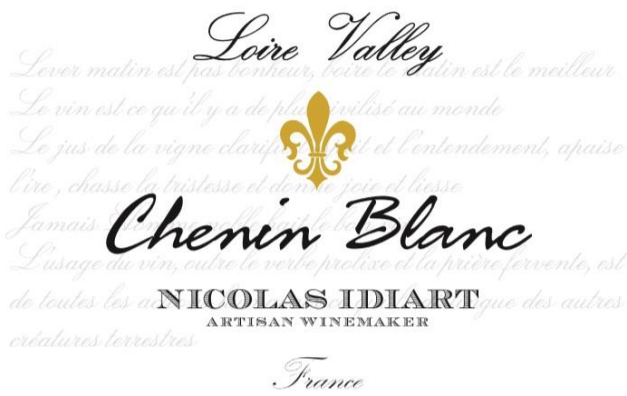


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Maison Nicolas Idiart Background

Owner: Nicolas Idiart

Country: France

Region: Loire

Founded: 2014

Annual Production: 10,000cs

Description: Nicolas Idiart is a passionate young winemaker producing small-batch, artisanal wines from the Loire Valley. The youngest-ever graduate of Bordeaux's prestigious Ecole du Vin, Nico worked in New Zealand, Canada and Bordeaux prior to returning to the Loire Valley. He sources fruit from many of the area's top growers and uses only native yeasts and first-run juice to produce accessibly-priced gems that are true to their terroir.

Wine Notes – 2017 Maison Nicolas Idiart Chenin Blanc

Idiart Loire Chenin Blanc is crafted from grapes grown on 25-year old vines near the village of Saint-Lambert-du-Lattay, southwest of Angers and immediately south of the famed Chenin-dominated Savennieres appellation. Situated on the banks of the Layon River, the vineyards are protected by south-facing slopes from harsh north and east winds. The grapes for the wine are hand-harvested followed immediately by pneumatic pressing. Low temperature fermentation is followed by 10 months of aging on fine lees with batonnage. The result is an intense and complex wine of great structure that perfectly expresses the schist soils.

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:	100% Chenin Blanc
Grower:	Domaine Ampelidae – Cave du Haut Poitou
Vineyard Region:	Saint-Lambert-du-Lattay, south of Savennieres
Vine Age / Yields:	20 years / 40 hL per hA
Production Volume:	900cs
Vineyard Characteristics:	Sandy schist-based soils with significant minerality
Wine-Making / Vinification:	Vineyard – short pruned, green harvest, sustainably farmed Hand-harvested, destemmed, pneumatic pressing Low-temperature fermentation in stainless steel vats, followed by 10 months aging on fine lees with batonnage (stirring)
Alcohol / Volume:	12.5%
Residual Sugar:	<2.0g/L