



## Clos de Coulaïne

Anjou Villages

Nine-hectare vineyard, owned by the Roussier family, in Savennières. This vineyard has been under our care since the harvest of 1992.

Cabernet Franc, originating from Chinon, was first introduced at the estate of Domaine de Coulaïne in 1942. The soil of the estate is more similar to that of the two neighbouring appellations, Bourgueil and Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil, where the sand lies on soft limestone, while in the Coulaïne vineyard the sand lies on altered green and purple schist. In the first case, the fruitiness and the freshness brought by the sandy soil blends with a fleshy character from the tufa stone. In the second, the altered schist brings body and a terroir character to this same fruitiness and freshness.



- **Plot location:** Slightly sloping east/south-east facing plot situated mid-hillside, above the village of Savennières
- **Terroir:** Sand and schist
- **Surface area:** 3.2 hectares
- **Average age of vines:** 45 years old
- **Grape varieties:** 90% Cabernet Franc
- **Vine management:** Widely spaced vines (3,300 vine stocks per hectare), with grass cover between rows. De-budding in June then manual thinning in July for the best possible aeration of the grapes and optimum ripening.
- **Plant protection:** Trace elements, seaweed, Cuivrol and plant extracts
- **Harvest:** Manual, as late as possible in the season.
- **Winemaking:** De-stemming of grapes, maceration in vats and ageing partially in oak barrels.