

# TUTTO



## LA PETITE SOEUR

Anjou, Loire

Originally from Brittany, Adrien de Mello travelled the world following a love of wine before settling in Anjou in 2015. He now farms four hectares of vineyards planted over schist in and around the village of Saint Aubin de Luigné.

The vines have been farmed organically for some time, but since settling here Adrien has taken things to the next level and in just a few years has gained both organic and biodynamic certification. He plows by horse and is passionate about foraging wild plants such as nettle, comfrey, yarrow and buckthorn to prepare teas to be used in the vineyards. His care and attention to detail here produces wines with a beautiful clarity and startling purity of fruit.

In the cellar Adrien's work is defined by a lightness of touch that is characterised by gentle extractions to reveal just enough detail and nuance from the grapes and a focus on expressing the perfume of each variety whilst harnessing the incredible minerality the schist brings.

Fresh, fragrant and invigorating, Adrien's wines offer a highly original expression of the part of Anjou he calls home.

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## GLOBULE ROUGE

*2020*

This is a blend of roughly equal parts of Cabernets Franc and Sauvignon, from forty five year old vines planted over schist. The grapes were each fermented as whole bunches for a fortnight before being pressed and assembled in cuve for a short rest. This warmer vintage has produced a slightly deeper, darker wine that pairs pure, vibrant fruit with a little earth and gentle funk. A formidable bistro wine that makes so much sense alongside the classic dishes.