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LA GRAPPERIE

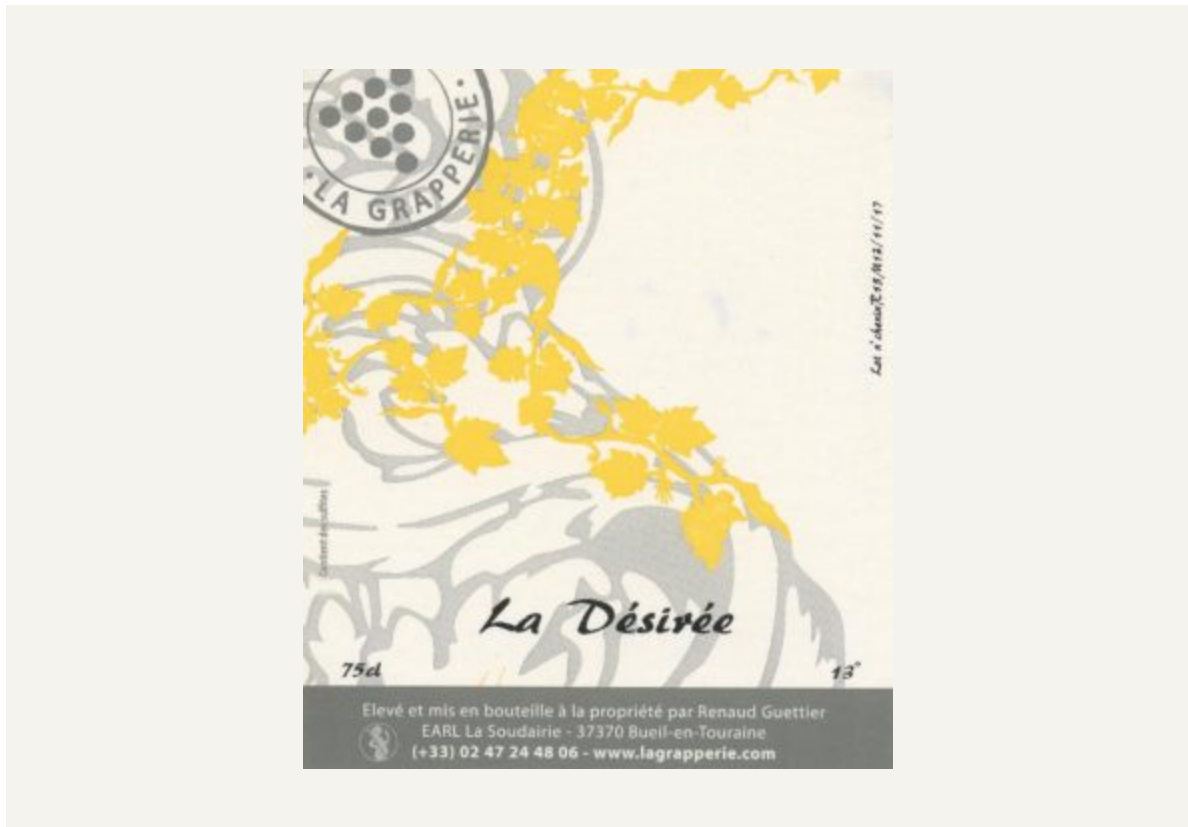
Coteaux-du-Loir, Loire

Renaud Guettier is based in the village of Bueil-en-Touraine in the Coteaux-du-Loir. It is an area blessed with numerous hidden old parcels of Chenin Blanc and Pineau d'Aunis. Renaud trained as an agronomist specialising in plant physiology and in 2004 purchased half a hectare of old vines from his stepfather. Over the past decade he has added tiny parcels of old vines bit by bit and now farms over 25 plots across around five hectares, with an average vine age of 80 years.

The terroir is a combination of clay, flint and limestone and farming is both meticulous and admirable, done organically and by hand, without the use of chemicals or pesticides. Grapes are hand picked and brought to his cave in a former quarry dug into the limestone cliffs where they are wild fermented, basket pressed and fed by gravity to the cellar below. There they have a gentle *élevage* in old wooden casks, something Renaud considers vital when producing wines as he does, without anything added at any stage.

These diverse plots of old, healthy vines and Renaud's attention to detail to both farming and élevage yields chiseled, powerful wines of uncommon balance, elegance and detail.

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LA DÉsirÉE
2014

From vineyards of Chenin Blanc up to one hundred years old. From a cooler vintage, this was given a direct press and saw a three year élevage in old barrels deep in Renaud's cave. A true wine of terroir, the nose has the unmissable imprint of flint, while the palate displays that tightrope balance Renaud seems to attain year in, year out.