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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 ploughs 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 produce wines with great clarity and a 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 character that 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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LES GÂTS

2021

Sauvignon Blanc from two parcels, forty five year old vines planted over schist and thirty year old vines over clay. The former was macerated on the skins for five days as whole bunches, while the latter was pressed directly and the two were assembled in barriques until the following spring. This draws you in with delicate aromas of elderflower and minerals, while the palate is all pithy grapefruit and hazy minerals. A brilliant expression of the grape.