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## LE BATOSSAY

Anjou, Loire



Baptiste Cousin is the fourth generation to tend his family's vineyards in the Anjou village of Martigné-Briand.

The son of legendary vigneron Olivier, it comes as little surprise that he has continued the family's tradition of tending this land with great care and producing pure, soulful wines of real vigour.

Growing up in the vines, Baptiste worked for several years learning alongside his father and has been making his own wines for the past decade. Today he and his wife Gael farm four and half hectares of old vines planted amongst fruit trees and forests across three parcels. The terroir varies between quartz, schist, loam, clay and limestone and having been in the family for many years, the majority of the vines have never been subjected to chemicals.

Their work is certified organic and all ploughing is done by Gael with the help of the family's horses. Outside of the growing season, sheep and goats roam free, eating weeds and in turn fertilising the soils. Full of life, they are amongst the most beautiful vineyards in all of the Loire.

A few years ago Baptiste and Gael bought the Château de Boisairault, an abandoned old farm from the 1600s hidden away amongst the forest. Little-by-little, they are restoring it to its former glory. The wines are made in what was the château's cellar, a beautiful space dating back to the 1800s which had been almost completely consumed by the surrounding woodlands when they arrived here.

Using the simplest of tools and techniques, Baptiste produces nourishing wines of real purity. Built on a backbone of pristine fruit, they speak highly of his family's farming tradition and possess a beautiful sense of place.

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PUPPET NAT

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This wonderfully vibrant pétillant is made up entirely of Cabernet Franc from a twenty year old parcel planted over clay and limestone. The grapes were fermented for a week as whole bunches, before being pressed and moved to bottle to finish fermentation. The resulting wine is fruity and full, offering an explosion of red berries, citrus and spice, lending it a somewhat festive feel. The kind of uplifting, joyful sparkling wine that makes as much sense at the beginning or end of a meal.