



A.J. LECLUSE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021/ \$11.99



DESCRIPTION

In 1927 Joseph Verdier founded his company, named after himself. Generations of Verdier will leave a strong family imprint on the company. Its foundations are strong, and its know-how is precise.

When in 1965 the company associates with the Bordeaux group Taillan, large retailers becomes its principal distribution channel and international sales increase. The bottling site is inaugurated in 1967 in the heart of the Loire vineyard, in Montreuil-Bellay, and is now equipped with two bottling lines and one bag-in-box line.

In 1992, with the aim of controlling its sourcing both in term of quantity but also and most importantly in term of quality, Joseph Verdier buys a storing facility in Saumur dedicated to the reception of bulk wine. This location would then become the vinification center a few years later, with performant tools and a dedicated team to control the fermentation process starting from the harvest and thus produce quality wines. A know-how that is now recognized through the many medals obtained from various awards.

As a key player of the Loire Valley wines, Joseph Verdier ships more than 8 million bottles each year to more than 30 countries. In its quest for performance, our company endeavors to be innovative, rigorous and in close collaboration with its different partners, so as to answer the needs or specificities of our customers and consumers.

This is how a privileged partnership was created in 1998 between Joseph Verdier and wine-makers from 9 domaines for the Loire Valley (from Nantes' vineyard to Sancerre's) with the installation of the Verdier Quality Chart that allows for a meticulous selection of terroirs.

In 2008, Joseph Verdier becomes the owner of Domaine des Iris and in 2021, the family gets bigger with the acquisition of Domaine des Landes. Joseph Verdier also owns different brands.

A.J. Lecluse Sauvignon Blanc 2021

A popular and unmistakable white wine that's loved for its "green" herbal flavors and racy acidity. Sauvignon Blanc (saw-vin-yawn blonk) grows nearly everywhere and thus, offers a variety of styles ranging from lean to bountiful. Sauvignon Blanc is grown in Australia, United States, Moldova, South Africa, Chile, New Zealand, France, and other areas like Romania, Spain (Rueda), Argentina, Hungary, Russia, Austria.

The different regions produce different styles. Different climates make this grape variety more intricate. Cooler climates bring out more earth, herb, and citrus, while warmer climates bring out more tropical and tree fruit flavors. Also, excessive warmth during the growing season can force these late budding, early ripening grapes to over-ripen. Over-ripe Sauvignon Blanc will lack aromatics, acid, and depth of flavor.

- 1) On the nose, expect pungent, in-your-face aromas ranging from freshly cut grass, peas, and asparagus, to tropical and ripe passion fruit, grapefruit, or even mango.
- 2) On the palate wines taste light bodied with racy acidity and moderate alcohol.
- 3) Occasionally, Sauvignon Blanc ages in oak. This rounded, more lush style offers more creamy or waxy aromatics and an oily feeling on the palate. Wines made in this way are often blended with bolder Sémillon.

Tasting Notes

NOSE:

This Sauvignon Blanc shows classic aromas and flavors of citrus, fresh herbs, and minerals.

PALATE:

On the palate the white wine of Domaine Joseph Verdier is dry, crisp, and displays a beautiful freshness. It displays notes of honeysuckle, lemongrass, and ginger mingled with grapefruit and pear flavors.

PAIRING:

The A. J. Lecluse Sauvignon from Domaine Joseph Verdier generally goes quite well with fatty fish, seafood or vegetarian dishes such as Portuguese cod recipes, cuttlefish rust, or magic cake-style cheese quiche.

When in doubt, go green. Sauvignon Blanc makes a wonderful choice with herb-driven sauces over chicken, tofu, or fish dishes. matched with feta or chèvre or paired with herb-driven asian flavors such as Thai or Vietnamese cuisine.

Fun Facts

On the Wine Day Calendar, May 3rd is International Sauvignon Blanc day. it Mark your calendar!

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