

Ch de Chaintres Saumur-Champigny Rouge

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: France

REGION: Loire

APPELLATION: Saumur-Champigny

CEPAGE: 100% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 12.5%

AGING: Aged in large-format old foudre

THE STORY

The Château de Chaintres itself is stunning: a mid-17th-century mansion that combines bucolic charm and gentle majesty in a manner quite particular to this part of the Loire. In 1675, the Oratorian monks of the Notre Dame des Ardilliers constructed a wall around fifteen hectares adjacent to the château, in the sunniest and most favorable terroir in the immediate area. This clos is situated on a subtle but notable slope and contains a variety of different soils within its confines, including tuffeau chalk, clay-limestone, and sand. The de Tigny family has owned the property since 1938, having revived viticulture in the clos upon acquiring the estate; in fact, a good number of the vines planted back then are still in production.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Vigorous & Precise

THE SELLING POINTS

PAIRINGS: Serve with roasted meats or charcuterie

