



## 2018

AOP Touraine, Vallée de la Loire et Centre, France

### PRESENTATION

La Dilecta, the beloved. This was the nickname given by Honoré de Balzac to Mme de Berny, his first love and lifelong mentor. On her death in 1836, Balzac wrote: "Mme de Berny was like a God for me. She was a mother, a friend, a family, an advisor; she made the writer. Honoré de Balzac is the most emblematic writer of the 19th century French novel, author of more than a hundred books.

Our beloved, the fruit of our passion, is this exceptional wine which magnifies the expression of the Sauvignon Blanc grape variety grown to very high maturity. A cuvée "breathing" candied fruit, aromatic power and elegance!

### TERROIR

The grapes are harvested from two plots of old vines located on the slopes of the Cher on a clay-limestone terroir and selected for their superb aptitude for maturation.

### WINEMAKING

Monitoring of ripeness by regular berry tasting. Grapes are harvested with ripe fruit aromatic profiles. skin-contact maceration for 12 hours, then gentle pressing and light settling to preserve the aromatic potential. Traditional vinification with temperature control (17 to 19°C).

### AGEING

Aged on fine lees with regular stirring (8 to 10 months) before bottling in July.

### VARIETAL

Sauvignon 100%

### SERVING

Served slightly chilled (12-14°C).

### TASTING

Golden colour. Exuberant nose combining spices, candied citrus fruits, exotic fruits (pineapple, mango), empyreumatic notes (toast) and a subtle minerality. Fleshy, voluminous and warm on the palate, well balanced between sweetness and freshness. Powerful, unctuous and salivating finish, with toasted notes.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

To be enjoyed with fish in sauce or grilled (sea bass), white meat (Bresse hen in cream sauce), pan-fried foie gras, as well as mature goat cheese.

### REVIEWS AND AWARDS

91/100

Loire buyers's selection 2021



90/100

Wine Enthusiast



81/100

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