

**PIERRE OLIVIER BONHOMME**  
(Les Montils, Loire)

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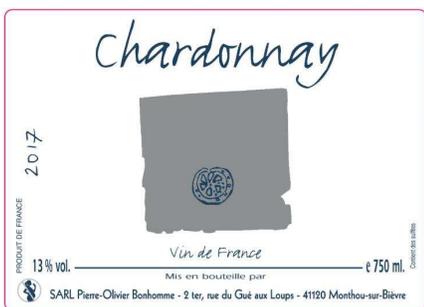


*With Pierre Olivier Bonhomme in the outskirts of Les Montils in the Loire*

Pierre Olivier Bonhomme quietly goes about farming his vineyards, which are located in the outskirts of the tiny village Les Montils. It is a typical Loire country village, whose main activity is farming. Although much of vineyards have diminished over the years, the local farmers still hold onto parcels here and there for their family consumption. Pierre Olivier, having grown-up in the region, knows all the great vine farmers. Although the majority of Pierre Olivier's wines come from his own vineyards, he either buys grapes from or farms vineyard for the local families whom he trusts.

Every year, Pierre Olivier surprises me with a new cuvée and it is always a tiny production. The new cuvée often comes from a discovery of a local family vine farmer by Pierre Olivier. This year, it is the Chardonnay, which has very limited plantings in the Loire. The Chardonnay vines are grown on a limestone over clay climat, not far from Pierre Olivier's family home. This particular Chardonnay vineyard is farmed organically by one of those aforementioned families, who have more grapes than the families can consume. So, Pierre bought some and vinified the Chardonnay in his own cellar. The wine is beautiful.

**CHARDONNAY 2017**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 126795 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$26.20 Wholesale / \$31.00 Retail per bottle**



Chardonnay vines grown chalky limestone soil over clay. Hand-harvested grapes are fermented with ambient yeasts, like all of Pierre Olivier Bohomme wines. Production is tiny. The wine relaxes in neutral 600 litre demi-muids for about ten months before being bottled by gravity without filtration. Elegance, charm, and drinkability shining through. Grounded farming and cellar work are self-evident. Alive. Delicious. Lovely. This is a new wine for Pierre Ollivier Bonhomme. Viva La France!

**TOURAINE KO 'In Côt We Trust' 2015**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 163204 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$27.49 Wholesale / \$32.00 Retail per bottle**



This is a new shipment. Mesmerizing nose with spices. All wines from Pierre Olivier are spot on for me but this cuvée has that extra dimension, perhaps because this is the only cuvée that does not see any added sulphur. Electrifying taste. Even after years of travelling throughout France, I can't think of another Côt tasting like this. Côt is also known as Malbec in the other parts of world. Fermented traditionally in an open-top vat with stems. Raised in neutral barrels for about a year and then cellared in bottles for another year to contain its energy. This wine has all the hallmarks of Pierre Olivier Bonhomme

wines – fresh, fragrant, and alive.

(The labels are not current vintages and are shown for illustration purposes only)

**LE TELQUEL 2017**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 530568 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$21.48 Wholesale / \$25.00 Retail per bottle**



**LE TELQUEL**



*un poil dur...*

This is always so delicious. And the 2017 really rocks. This is a new vintage. A wine that symbolizes *vins de soif*. It is a unusual and delicious blend of Gamay and Côt (aka Malbec) with a dash of Pineau D'Aunis. Fermented separately, then blended and raised in neutral barrels for about six months. Unfiltered. Totally unpretentious and seriously delicious. This wine goes down like a praise. There is a good chance that your bottle will be empty before your dinner is finished. Best slightly chilled.

**TOURAINE PINOT NOIR 2017**  
**SPECULATIVE SKU: 163220 750ml 12 bottles/case**  
**\$45.77 Wholesale / \$53.00 Retail per bottle.**



This wine comes from the village of *St Aignan-Sur-Cher*. The entire surface of the vineyard is 20 ares (about 0.5 acre), which consists of clay and limestone. Pierre Olivier makes 4 to 5 barrels each vintage. Translucent colour. Rippling fluidity, weaving nose and tasty like no other Pinot Noir that I have tasted. A shade darker than a rosé, this Pinot weaves its spell-binding fragrance and texture. It is hard believe a wine like exists. A Pinot in the hands of a confident vigneron. Pure. Sublime. Truth in bottle. One of the most unforgettable wines that I have tasted.