

TASTING PACK WINE#12

TASTING NOTES BY: MASTER SOMMELIER CHRISTOPHER BATES

A delicate, neutral nose that requires focus. The fruits are tart with notes of crisp green apple and lemon. There are signs of white flowers and the palate is full of minerality, sea spray and oyster shell. The notes of sourdough and old beer indicate lees. There are no signs of malolactic fermentation or oak.

TASTING NOTES BY: ADVANCED SOMMELIER BRANDON FORD

This wine is clearly a non-aromatic wine with lots of winemaking notes. There's not a lot of fruit or florals jumping out at you immediately from the glass. There is lemon, some green apple...both underripe. There is also a delicate white flower note present but in a refined way that indicates to me there was some lees stirring. The mouthfeel gives a wonderful texture and roundness that wasn't expected from the nose. There is a huge mineral streak with a wet stone and a saline quality dominating the palate.

Sweetness: Bone Dry

Tannin:

Alcohol: Medium
Acid: High

Oak:

SO...
SHAT
ISIT?

old world

or new?

climate?

grape?

country?

place?



WINE DETAILS:

Winery: Jo Landron **Cuvee:** La Louvetrie

Grape: Melon de Bourgogne

Country: France Regions: Muscadet Vintage: 2018

Alcohol: 12.5%

Elevage: Aged in glass tiled concrete vats

Other: 6 months lees aging

NOTES:

Muscadet is made from the extremely neutral Melon grapes. With the non-aromatic nature of this wine we're really in the world of three grapes: Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, and Melon-de-Bourgogne. There is a heavy reliance on lees stirring to add interest to this wine, and no oak presence (no vanilla, baking spice, etc) and no malolactic fermentation (no diacetyl--buttery smell). This would rule out Chardonnay and leave Pinot Gris and Melon. We look to the structure next which rules out Pinot Gris because of the acid and alcohol levels. This is Melon de Bourgogne.

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