



TASTING PACK WINE #147

TASTING NOTES BY: MASTER SOMMELIER CHRISTOPHER BATES

Pale straw color, showing some slight gas. The nose is delicate and neutral, with some yellow lemon and green apple, showing tart fruits. White flower, bread dough, and a slight stale beer note indicate lees usage. Salty, oyster shell notes complete the nose. No Signs of oak. The palate is similar, though the fruit turns tarter. its like lemon juice on the palate and the lees add some weight and texture.

TASTING NOTES BY: ADVANCED SOMMELIER JOSHUA CARLSEN

Pale straw with a watery rim and a hint of green. The fruit is tart, showing lemon juice and lime pith. Under-ripe nectarine and white peach are also present. White flowers, root vegetable, and dandelion greens accent the fruit, but the most distinct aspect is the leesy, yeasty notes of sourdough, sour beer, bread dough. The wine is also quite mineral driven - showing wet stones and salinity.

Sweetness: Bone Dry
Tannin:
Alcohol: Medium
Acid: High
Oak:

So...
WHAT
IS IT?

old world
or new?

climate?

grape?

country?

place



WINE DETAILS:

Winery: Domaine de L'Epinay

Cuvee: Selection

Grape: Melon de Bourgogne

Country: France

Regions: Loire - Muscadet Sevre et Maine

Vintage: 2018

Alcohol: 12.5%

Elevage: Fermented with native yeasts in under-ground concrete vats and aged in Concrete for an additional 8mo on lees

Winemaking: The bottling comes from 20-40 yr old vines

NOTES:

Melon falls in the camp of neutral white grapes, along with chardonnay, gruner and pinot grigio, which means, it all comes down to the details. PG always shows a strong phenolic bitterness and usually has more alc and less acid (closer to Med Acid). Chardonnay often has oak, unless from Chablis, but this wine lacks the malolactic notes. And for gruner, well, the fruit is too tart, and it's missing the impact compounds we would expect to see, no herbal, no white pepper, no vegetal. Muscadet as one of the simplest, least complex wines on the planet...and one of my MOST favorite! It's simple enough to not pay attention to if you don't want to but, detailed enough to require deep focus to appreciate its delicacy. It's crushable, cheap, and ages LIKE A CHAMPION!

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