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DOMAINE DE LA NOBLAIE, CHINON, FRANCE

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Domaine de la Noblaie is an estate rich in history, and stands today as one of the leading producers in Chinon. We are pleased to introduce a special parcel of their excellent wines, alongside our new on-going listing from this domaine, 'Le Temp Des Cerises'. Their red wines, for which the appellation is best known, are made from the Cabernet Franc grape, a variety known for its fragrance and freshness. We have also shipped a small amount of white Chinon, which is not seen so often, and made from the Chenin Blanc grape.

The domaine is situated in the village of 'Le Vau Breton', which aptly translates as Cabernet Franc Valley. Here the vineyards of Noblaie have been cultivated for hundreds of years, and quite incredibly, a chalk vat is still in use today. This was dug around the 15th Century, along with the cellars, which were carved out of the Tufa (Limestone) earth.

Currently the domaine is headed by Jerome Billard, who is the third generation of his family to do so. Jerome learned his craft at the prestigious wineries of Petrus (Bordeaux) and Dominus (California), and has been instrumental in the progression of the estate in recent years. All harvests are undertaken by hand, with multiple passes, to ensure grapes are only picked at optimum ripeness. The estate has been certified organic since 2005.

Enjoy the wines of Domaine de la Noblaie with our introductory savings, or better still save over £6 with our Six-Bottle Sampler Case. You can also claim FREE DELIVERY when you purchase six or more of the featured wines as part of a twelve bottle order. Simply enter the code 'NOBLAIEFREE' at our online check out, and click check code.



La Noblaie 2015 (Blanc), 13%



A rarely seen white Chinon, La Noblaie is reminiscent of a fine Savennière. Made from Chenin Blanc grapes grown in two limestone vineyards; the wine's crisp and mineral character imparted by the terroir has been retained by fermentation in stainless steel.

Open and aromatic: elegant notes of citrus fruit, flowers and white peach. A lovely ripe texture in the mouth is framed by limestone imbued freshness. Peach and citrus is also present on the palate, with a stony mineral character on the persistent finish. Enjoy as an aperitif or with shellfish. Drink now until 2025.

SL47111 ~~£13.95~~ £12.95

Le Temp Des Cerises 2014, 12.5%



'Le Temp des Cerises' is an excellent introduction to the domain, and a perfect wine for everyday drinking. An unoaked expression of the Cabernet Franc grape, the wine is fruity, fresh, and delicious to drink in its youth.

Rich red fruits on the nose, with characteristic leafy notes. A refreshing, silky palate of ripe raspberry and damson fruit with herbaceous hints. This is an accessible Chinon for immediate pleasure, with impressive complexity. Enjoy with simple charcuterie and cheeses. Drink now until 2021.

SL47112 ~~£10.95~~ £9.95

Les Blanc Manteaux 2014, 13%



Les Blanc Manteaux vineyard takes its name from the Knights Templar who took refuge here during the 1500's. The hillside vineyard of pure limestone creates wines of complexity and finesse, whilst its 60 year old vines offer concentration of fruit.

A fragrant nose of raspberry, redcurrant and blackcurrant leaf, follows on a supple palate. 12 months in 500 litre barrels has added depth and weight, whilst maintaining a subtlety of oak character. A good concentration of fruit, with a mineral laden freshness and rounded tannins. Pair with lamb or veal. A vin de garde, drink now until 2024.

SL47113 ~~£15.95~~ £14.95

Pierre de Tuf 2012, 12.5%



This cuvee takes its name from a 70 hectolitre vat, carved out of the limestone hillside, around 600 years ago. The fruit is sourced from a single block of vines, planted in 1944 on flint clay. After fermentation the vat is drained by gravity into 500 litre oak casks, where it matures for 14 months.

A perfumed nose of ripe black fruits and exotic spices. Supple and fleshy in the mouth with a pleasing freshness - redolent of a Bordeaux. Rich currant fruit and vanilla spice coat powerful, ripe tannins. Excellent length and balance. Enjoy with a herb crusted rack of lamb. Drink now until 2022+.

SL47114 ~~£17.95~~ £16.95

**SAVE
£14.65**

The Six-bottle Sampler Case is **just £79.00** and contains:

1 x La Noblaie (Blanc), 2 x Cerises,
2 x Les Blanc Manteaux, 1 x Pierre de Tuff

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Six-Bottle Sampler Case

Delivered Price	£93.65
OFFER PRICE	£79.00
Case Code	SL4711