

Family-owned since 1634, Domaine des Baumard is one of the finest estates in the Loire, if not France as a whole. We have been championing Florent Baumard's wines for eight years now, and the quality and sheer brilliance of the wines continues to amaze us. Florent aims to pick at the same level of ripeness and vinify in exactly the same way each year without the use of oak, and yet each vintage is remarkably distinctive. This natural terroir-driven approach allows the hallmark of each vintage to shine through; Florent describes the 2010 Papillon as 'a generous vintage', whereas the 2011 is fresher, brighter and more mineral. He is a supporter of the screwcap and after much testing, has decided that this is the best option for all his long-lived wines, as it allows them to evolve and develop over time without the worry of cork issues.



Florent believes the wines are ready for release when they 'start to reflect their origin', so our new shipment has a range of Florent's wines from various vintages. The reputation of the estate means that the wines are reviewed by all the major wine critics and the consensus is that quality here has never been higher. Despite the small production and worldwide demand, prices remain very reasonable – helped by the fact that we buy direct. So this is the perfect opportunity to try these wines for the first time or stock up if you are already a fan. **Enjoy free delivery on any order of twelve bottles containing at least six bottles of the Baumard wines featured. Please enter the code BAUMARDFREE at our online checkout, click 'check code' and receive free delivery!**

'a brilliant winemaker.... A young, handsome, ever-smiling sort, Baumard quietly fashions some of the world's most complex dry and sweet wines' - Pierre Rovani, Wine Advocate

'If ever there was God in a glass, this is it' - Matt Kramer, Wine Spectator

SPARKLING WINES

SL43413 Baumard 'Carte Turquoise' Brut NV, Crémant de Loire, France 12.5% £13.49



An expressive, nuanced blend of Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc.

Light straw colour and lean, mineral aromas with notes of apple and white peach. Fresh lemon, apple and pink grapefruit flavours with hints of almond. The

mousse is refined and relatively soft, though there is plenty of crisp acidity. Finishes long and dry with attractive biscuity notes. Enjoy now to 2017.

'A rich, complex blend of Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc made by one of the top producers in Anjou. The ripe fruits have kept their freshness, leaving a generous but crisp wine, with a delicate, elegant mousse. 90 points.' Roger Voss, The Wine Enthusiast.

SL43687 Baumard 'Carte Corail' Rosé NV Brut, Crémant de Loire, France 12.5% £13.49

A very pale rosé sparkling Crémant de Loire with delicate aromas of redcurrant, wild strawberry, currant leaf. Lively mousse with juicy summer fruit flavours and notes of cranberry on the finish. Young and vigorous, there is some structure, dryness and even a hint of tannin, in this complex, vibrant wine. Though it will work well as an aperitif, this is one of those rare sparkling rosés that will go well with summer salads and fish dishes. Enjoy now to 2017.

WHITE WINE**SL42821 Baumard 'Clos St Yves' 2009, Savennières, France 13%****£15.99**

The single vineyard Clos St Yves is often overlooked in favour of the more renowned Clos du Papillon. There are just 200 yards between the vineyards and the standard of both in recent vintages has been uniformly high.

Clos St Yves is approachable earlier and based purely on quality, it is a bargain. Shows youthful freshness and vitality. Intense aromas of pear and lemon with a touch of grapefruit are mirrored on the palate with additional notes of quince and a gentle creaminess on the mid-palate. Attractive complexity and wonderfully long, slightly nutty finish with a kick of grapefruit. 2009 was a particularly good vintage and this wine is drinking beautifully now.

'Beautifully pure, with salted butter, chamomile and quinine notes lacing up a core of creamed Jonagold apple and lanolin flavours. The long, creamy finish lets the chamomile edge play out elegantly. Drink now through 2018.' 92 Points, Wine Spectator, February 2013.

SL44978 Baumard 'Clos St Yves' 2013, Savennières, France 13%**£15.99**

Just released, this is the first opportunity to try this eagerly anticipated vintage. *'Pale gold. Pure nose revealing inviting minerality and jammy white fruit perfumes. Savoury palate with superb substance and racy, expressive flavours as its main calling cards. Such deft craftsmanship creates a deliciously refined, long-lasting treat.'* 93 points, Gilbert & Gaillard. Enjoy now to 2023.

SL44975 Baumard 'Clos du Papillon' 2010, Savennières, Loire, France 14%**£21.95**

The 4 ha vineyard of Clos du Papillon is named due to its shape

like a butterfly's wings. At harvest several passes are made through the 35 year old Chenin Blanc vines to select only the ripest, most healthy grapes. This helps make the best wine possible each year, but at this northerly extreme of still wine production weather conditions are crucial and Florent Baumard's natural winemaking means that every vintage is slightly different.



Fresh and full of minerality while staying powerful. A real vibrancy but with a mineral smoky note, it exudes all the aromatic richness and elegance of Chenin Blanc grown on a great terroir.

'Shows excellent cut from the start, with pear eau-de-vie and green almond notes guiding the salted butter, brioche, fig and green melon flavors. The mouthwatering acidity is deeply imbedded on the finish. Drink now through 2018. 92 points' - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator

SL44977 Baumard 'Clos du Papillon' 2011, Savennières, Loire, France 14%**£21.95**

'Light gold. Beautiful minerality with smoky, chalky aromas on the nose coupled with bush peach notes. Seductive, profound and full-bodied palate with just the right lightness and freshness. The smoky, mineral aromas meld with the fruit. A consummate wine.' - 94 points, Gilbert & Gaillard.

'...rich, fruit intense and powerful, but also very elegant and mineral, perfectly balanced Chenin with everything in place to age superbly....The only danger here is that you drink it quicker than is good for you. The salty aftertaste and the inner harmony here is so absolutely delicious and animating' - Stephan Reinhardt, eRobertParker.com Enjoy now to 2021+

SWEET WINE—All Half Bottle Size—Limited Stock

SL44981 Baumard Quarts de Chaume 2006, France 13.5% 37.5cl

£24.95

Quarts de Chaume is an outstanding Grand Cru appellation that produces rich, powerful dessert wines from nobly-rotted Chenin Blanc and Florent Baumard is arguably the best producer. *'The aromas of dried fruits do not show the sweetness and unctuousness of this ripe, botryzied wine. It has sweet honey flavors, spice, orange peel and a pure streak of acidity. 94 points'* Roger Voss, The Wine Enthusiast.



The Quarts de Chaume 2006 is listed in the guide: The 101 Best Wines of France 2010. It was awarded 98/100 and classed as the best wine in the Loire, the second best Dessert wine in France and the third best wine overall for the whole of France. A superb achievement and deserved recognition of Florent Baumard's talents. Enjoy to 2018+

SL44979 Baumard Quarts de Chaume 2007, France 13.5% 37.5cl

£28.95

'99/100 points - A prodigy! ...[for the second year running] classed the third best wine in France. Best wine in the Loire Valley. Best Sweet wine in France...Last year we were amazed by the success of the domaine in a difficult vintage (2006). In a more classic year (2007), the Quarts de Chaume of the Baumard family straightforwardly touches perfection, retaining all its beauty even several hours after opening. Spectacular, mythical!', Lafont Presse, Les Meilleurs Vins de France Année 2011. *'Among the standouts released this past year are Florent Baumard's perennially outstanding late-harvest Chenin Blanc bottlings... Very plump and showy up front, with apricot, papaya and mango notes, then offers more zip and delineation on the back end, with mineral and floral notes on the rich finish. 93 points'* James Molesworth, The Wine Spectator.

This is a remarkable wine, with prodigious concentration and depth. Impressive now this will cellar potentially for decades. It is an astonishing wine. Drink now to 2022+ **Just 12 bottles.**

SL42838 Baumard Quarts de Chaume 2009, France 13.5% 37.5cl

£24.95

Florent Baumard's 2009 offering of Quarts de Chaume is almost the equal of the legendary 2007. It is made only from a strict selection of nobly rotted Chenin Blanc grapes from his vineyard on the valley sides of the Layon River. Gault & Millau scored it 19/20 and Bertrand Rougier in France Art de Vivre 98/100. Compared to France's other great dessert wines this is a bargain.

'Bold, lush and tropical in feel, with creamed papaya and mango notes seamlessly gliding together, while coconut, green plum, ginger, quince and white peach flavours fill in the background. Offers a succulent finish, but stays pure and steady thanks to perfectly embedded acidity. Best from 2015 through 2030. 96 points' James Molesworth, Wine Spectator Insider. **Just 5 bottles available.**

SL44980 Baumard Quarts de Chaume 2010, France 13.5% 37.5cl

£25.95

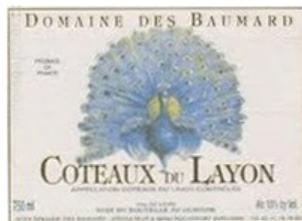
'Unctuous, concentrated and refined, this holds a large core of quince, creamed Anjou pear and white ginger notes in reserve for now, while heather, chamomile, orange blossom and white peach flavours take the lead. When the reserves stretch out and catch up with the floral accents, this will be a pure, precise stunner, with a long life. Best from 2018 through 2035.' 96 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator Insider. **Just 12 bottles available.**

SWEET WINES (Continued) - Limited Stock**SL42850 Baumard Vert de l'Or Moelleux, lot 07-08, Vin Blanc Doux, France 12% 50cl £12.99**

Florent Baumard identified a small area of Verdelho, a variety that had almost disappeared from France, among the domaine's vineyards. Despite having documentation to show that the vines were planted in 1810, the French authorities refuse to recognise the grape. No wine details are allowed but 'lot 07-08' shows that this sweet wine is a blend of the 2007 and 2008 harvests and we know the grapes come from the south bank of the Loire near Savennières. Lively aromas of apricot and honey with a touch of musk. Lovely rich, ripe apricot and tropical fruit flavours with the sweetness balanced by good acidity. Quite sugary on the very long finish. Very much a 'pudding' wine. Limited stock. Enjoy to 2016. *'I can't decide whether it's remarkable or should be expected that this tastes as much as it does like a Baumard Coteaux du Layon. 91 points'* David Schildknecht, eRobertParker.com. **Just 7 bottles available.**

SL42849 Baumard 'Cuvée le Paon' 2005, Coteaux du Layon, France 12.5%**£26.95**

Florent Baumard's top 'Peacock' cuvee is the best Coteaux du Layon around. *'Really enticing, with quince, pear, persimmon and fig aromas and flavours, but it's never heavy, just pure and refined with a lovely, caressing finish. The acidity is really buried here - should cruise in the cellar. Drink now through 2027. 95 points'* James Molesworth, The Wine Spectator. **Just 6 bottles available.**

**RED WINES****SL44984 Baumard 'Logis de la Giraudière' 2011, Anjou Rouge, France 12.5%****£11.99**

In the 1960s Jean Baumard, Florent's father, produced a red wine 'for his own consumption' with Cabernet Franc from an old walled vineyard. Finding there was rather more than the family could drink he started selling it to friends and other wine lovers. Light cherry colour, attractive aromas of blackcurrant and crushed currant leaves. Soft, gluggable style with juicy redcurrant and cassia flavours, good freshness and gentle tannic grip. Lingering red fruit finish with subtle notes of herb. Florent considers this to be a great 'lunchtime red'. Enjoy now to 2017 +

SL44982 Baumard 'Clos de la Folie' 2009, Anjou Rouge, France 12.5%**£13.49**

The Clos de la Folie is Florent Baumard's top red. Made only in the best vintages, it comes from a particularly well-situated walled vineyard south of Rochefort-sur-Loire. The Clos covers less than 1.5 hectares and is planted to Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon vines with an average age of 35 years. After a gentle pressing and a long, relatively cool fermentation the wine is bottled without any time in barrel. Perfumed cherry and raspberry aromas with a touch of spice. Lovely silky red fruit flavours: cherry, raspberry and redcurrant. Fresh, vibrant fruit with good structure and subtle tannins. Shows great complexity and refinement, with a lovely mouthfeel and though drinking well now, has the potential to keep. Drink now to 2017.