



## Domaine des Baumard, France

One of the Loire's most lauded producers, Florent Baumard has courted controversy by pursuing his own ideas and challenging the status quo.

In a deeply traditional region, Florent's early adoption of screwcaps and different vine trellising systems marked him out as the enfant terrible of Savennières. His mantra now encompasses a belief in the individuality of each vintage, believing it should be made with minimal intervention to allow the wine to reflect its vintage and unique character. His Savennières from the famous vineyards of Clos St Yves and Clos du Papillon are rich, yet with a balance and elegance that are unrivalled. His top cuvée of 'Trie Speciale' is only made in very exceptional vintages when grape quality is optimal. It is a wine full of paradox, honeyed and yet dry, rounded and yet firm. The rich fruit, tremendous weight and concentration ensure that it is a thoroughly memorable experience.

### Viticulture

The Baumard approach to viticulture is a notable one, and it does make it easy to spot the Baumard vines in any given appellation. They are trained in a fashion Baumard describe as vignes hautes et larges (sometimes abbreviated to VHL); the larges refers to the distance between the vines, a remarkable 3 metres between the rows and 0.8 metres between each vine, whereas the hautes refers to the high trellising system employed, taking the vines to a height of more than 2 metres, the object being to obtain a large surface area of foliage. During the vegetative period they see limited leaf-thinning along their base, but otherwise there is little intervention at this time, not even topping-off of the upper shoots as they reach for the sky above. Between the rows, the soil is alternatively ploughed and grassed over, a methodology the Baumards have been following for well over 40 years. The harvest is manual, and the fruit transported in small plastic cages to minimise damage.

### Highlights

- Minimal intervention winemaking and viticulture.
- His top cuvée of 'Trie Speciale' is only made in very exceptional vintages when grape quality is optimal.
- Wines of exceptional weight and power yet classy and very memorable.

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Item	Vintage		Pack size (cl)
1158	0	Domaine des Baumard, Cremant de Loire, Carte Turquoise, Loire, France	12 x 75
1162	0	Domaine des Baumard, Crémant de Loire Rosé, Carte Corail, Loire, France	12 x 75
1151	2019	Domaine des Baumard, Savennières Clos St Yves, Loire, France	12 x 75
1153	2007	Domaine des Baumard, Savennières, Clos du Papillon, Loire, France	12 x 75
1153	2019	Domaine des Baumard, Savennières, Clos du Papillon, Loire, France	12 x 75
2784	2021	Domaine des Baumard, Côteaux du Layon, Carte d'Or, Loire, France	12 x 37.5
2784	2022	Domaine des Baumard, Côteaux du Layon, Carte d'Or, Loire, France	12 x 37.5
1168	2012	Domaine des Baumard, Quarts de Chaume, Loire, France	12 x 37.5
1168	2017	Domaine des Baumard, Quarts de Chaume, Loire, France	12 x 37.5

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