ROUSSEAU FRÈRES

Region: Loire Valley (Touraine) Village: Esvres-sur-Indre

Winemaker: Bernard and Michel Rousseau

Property: 18 hectares

The Rousseau family has passed down a great winemaking tradition in the Touraine region from father to son for four generations beginning with Alphonse Rousseau at the end of the 19th century. Jacques Rousseau followed his father in 1930 and was succeeded by his son Jacques in 1960. Today, brothers Bernard and Michel keep the tradition alive with a serious eye on elevating the quality of wines produced at the estate with every vintage. The exploitation is comprised of 18 hectares in total. 15 hectares of the three pinots (pinot noir, pinot gris and pinot meunier) and 1 hectare of each: Gamay, Cabernet Franc and Côt. All of the vines are located in the village of Esvres.

TOURAINE NOBLE JOUÉ ROSÉ

40% Pinot Meunier, 30% Pinot Gris, 30% Pinot Noir

Established in the suburb of Tours, in Esvres, the Touraine Noble Joué's soil in mainly clay-siliceous and sand-siliceous, with flint stone on the surface. This area is located on a plateau above the Indre river.

The grapes undergo direct pressing, to create the pale 'vin gris' a style. No added sulfur

Temperature controlled fermentation occurs over the course of 3 weeks. The wine is aged in steel tanks for 4 months before being bottled in the Spring.