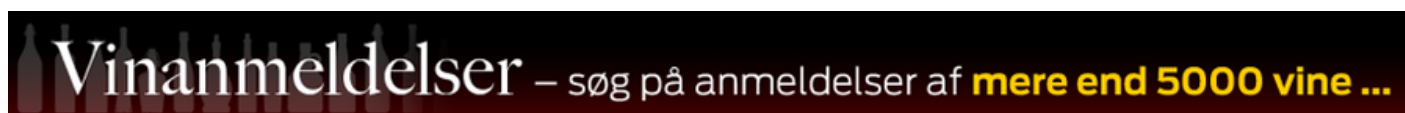


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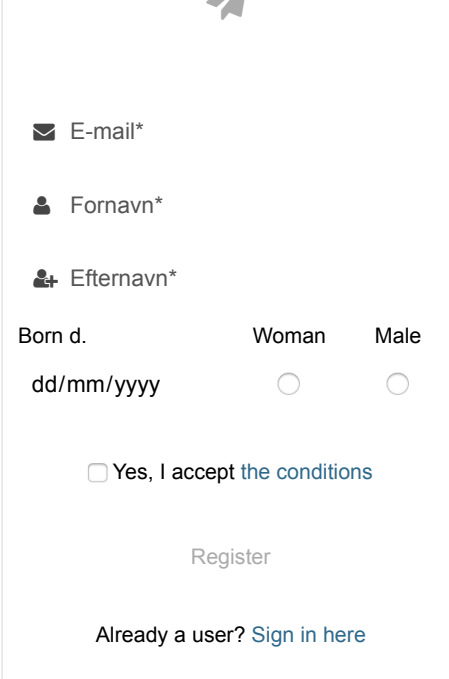
In Cheverny find among Domaine Huards

By: **Thomas Rydberg**

There are an incredible number of smaller areas in the Loire valley. Many like you have never heard of and which for centuries exclusively made wines are drunk locally or among the locals in Paris, not far from the Loire Valley. But with the development of the wine industry, a number of these wines now also in export markets and we need to relate to the AOC names like Cheverny and Cour-Cheverny among many others.

Domaine Huards found in Cheverny near the castle of the same name and has since 1846 belonged to the family Gendrier. AOC Cheverny is probably unknown to most, but is in central Loire, specifically close to Vouvray and just south of the city of Blois. Best known is probably the impressive Castle Chateau de Cheverny, but in recent years a number of wines from the area also emerged internationally. Cheverny is an AOC and covers 574 hectares in 24 municipalities and produced both red, rosé and white wines. The red and rosé wines produced in pinot noir and gamay, while the white is primarily made of sauvignon blanc and chardonnay. Soil differs by being more sand and calcareous than many other places in the Loire Valley. For Cheverny you will also find a smaller area Cour-Cheverny, which only produces white wines from the grape Romorantin. The grape is a distant cousin of chardonnay, which once grew in most of the central Loire, but today only found in Cour-Cheverny. A wine which produces full-bodied wines with great aging potential.

But back to Domaine Huards who has made wine since 1846. The property has fields both in Cheverny and Cour Cheverny and is located close to the castle centrally in Cheverny. 34 hectares own one and those since 1988 grown biodynamic, because you have a belief in a more cleaner and better wine, though also due to the slightly cooler and wet climate is part challenges of running biodynamic vineyard in the Loire Valley. The wines have a general high class and absolutely no wines fall through. It is not cheap wine, but with respect to the quality you get it is absolutely secure. The most exciting wines is undoubtedly the white Romorantin wines that have a fullness and are strong in style that will leave you thinking Jura. And you sense there is a great aging potential especially when tasting 2011 by Francois VV. But the red is definitely



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white wines



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White wine on sauvignon blanc and a little chardonnay, which gives a little more body to the wine. An extremely fine structure, gooseberries, light peach, flowers and spices to taste. Beautiful fullness, a string acid and long aftertaste. 91



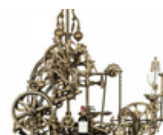
Domaine Huards Romo 2013. 12%. Erik Sørensen Vin. 140 kr. Offer price v. 3 bottles

Wine on the more unknown Romorantin grape. An exciting and full-bodied wine with ripe pears, apples, citrus and light spices. Beautiful acid and a long aftertaste. 90



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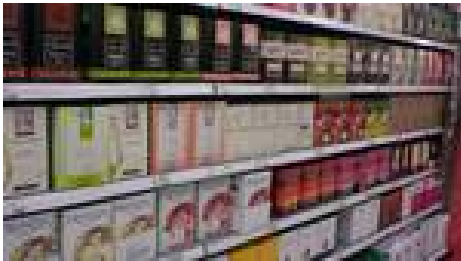
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