







2023 SAUMUR CHAMPIGNY “CUVÉE DOMAINE” THIERRY GERMAIN

IT'S FUN TO IMAGINE Thierry Germain's alternate trajectory had he stayed in his home region of Bordeaux instead of decamping to the Loire Valley in the 1990s. He would have no doubt risen to become one of the region's foremost vignerons—as he has in the Loire—because that's just the kind of unstoppable ambition and vision Thierry has. But he perhaps wouldn't have found the freedom to push the boundaries and constantly experiment the way he has in the Loire, a hotbed of progressive farming and natural winemaking. A champion of both, Thierry is devoted to the region's great red grape, Cabernet Franc. Like all of his reds, his Cuvée Domaine shows a beautiful side of this variety: at once fresh, succulent, and savory, with notes of plum, blackberry, leather, and earth, it represents one of the best introductions to Cab Franc imaginable. Serve it with a lentil shepherd's pie or fried chicken for a simple, yet exquisite meal. —Tom Wolf

\$29.00 PER BOTTLE \$313.20 PER CASE

Pairs well with lentil shepherd's pie,
fried chicken, and herb-crusted rib roast.

					
2023 Saumur Champigny “Cuvée Domaine” <i>Thierry Germain</i>	Cabernet Franc	4- to 70-year-old vines Sand, clay, <i>tuffeau</i> limestone	Serve <i>cool</i> 56–60°F Decant optional	Blackberries, leather, earth Fresh, succulent, savory	Drink now through 2028
2021 Brouilly <i>Alex Foillard</i>	Gamay	50-year-old vines Granite	Serve <i>cool</i> 56–60°F Decant optional	Pomegranate, red berries, black tea Earthy, sensuous, complex	Drink now through 2030

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2021 BROUILLY ALEX FOILLARD

AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE BEAUJOLAIS' TEN CRUS, Brouilly and the Côte de Brouilly enjoy a sort of sibling dynamic. Encompassing the lower slopes and flatlands that wrap around the Côte de Brouilly, whose vines cascade down the famous Mont Brouilly, Brouilly's terroirs stand out for their sand and pink granite rather than the Côte's iconic igneous blue stone. If the general rule is that Brouilly wines are the Côte de Brouilly's slightly softer, more sensuous siblings, Alex Foillard's rendition is the exception, proving to be as deep and complex as the best examples from the Côte. Chalk this up largely to its origin. “La Folie,” one of Brouilly's best vineyards, is named because of its frequent heavy winds that might drive a vigneron crazy. La Folie's combination of old vines planted in thin soil and wide-open exposure to the sun and wind yield concentrated berries that result in a structure and minerality akin to that of the Côte de Brouilly. But this beautiful red has plenty of Brouilly's more sensuous side, too. Teeming with notes of pomegranate, red berries, and black tea, this is perfect for the first picnic or cookout of spring. —Tom Wolf

\$43.00 PER BOTTLE \$464.40 PER CASE



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