

# DOMAINE CHÉREAU CARRÉ - LOUISE CHÉREAU VICES & VERTUS KATHAROS MUSCADET



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The grapes come from a specific parcel at the Château de Chasseloir, in the Loire Valley, France, carefully selected for its position on a south-facing slope and the schistous soil. The vines are carefully managed to respect the environment; herbicides are not used. The grapes are manually harvested at optimal ripeness. Zero sulfur was added during fermentation and bottling. The wine did not go through malolactic fermentation, and the must fermented completely dry with no residual sugar. The gravity-fed cellar enables the wine to be gently moved. Aged 6 months on the lees in concrete tanks. Bottling took place directly from the lees, using an inert bottling line to prevent oxidation.

Domaine Chéreau Carré occupies one of the most privileged positions in the Loire-Atlantique department of France, in the heart of the Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine appellation, directly at the confluence of the two rivers. This family-owned winery has been an innovator since the 1960s by focusing on the advancement of the Sèvre-et-Maine appellation through their exploration of their numerous single vineyards. They have assembled some of the most prized old vineyards in the region. The family winery is run by father and daughter team Bernard Chéreau, the second generation, and Louise Chéreau, the third. Their family's origins reach back to the 11th century in the region and the founder of the winery, Bernard Chéreau senior, was the first to age Muscadet wines on the lees, a method which became an integral part of the appellation in 1977. Both father and son pioneered bottle-aged Muscadet meant to improve with time in the cellar and they were the first in the region to place an emphasis on this quality. First and foremost, Chéreau Carré is a terroir-first domaine, with two generations working closely together, striving for the clearest expression of each of their old single vineyards. As the voice of the new generation, Louise Chéreau is shaking things up by creating fresh new expressions of traditional grapes and terroirs with her new line called Vices & Vertus.

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