

# LES POUCHES SAUMUR BLANC



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The vines for this wine are 19 years-old. The soil is made up of clayey and silty sand. There are several chalky layers from the base of the Méron slopes up to the Loudun fault. The very hard limestone soil contains light blue flint. It has good drainage and is conducive to early ripening. The grapes are completely destemmed then crushed. Cold settling for 24 hours. Vinification at low temperatures for 2 weeks. Racking and aging in stainless steel tanks on thin lees for 3 to 4 months. The wine is bottled early in cellars dug out of tufa, where it continues to age in bottle in these ideal and natural conditions protected from the light and the temperature changes.

Cave de Saumur is an exemplary cooperative that was formed in 1957 by about forty winegrowers who grouped together to confront the economic difficulties of the era. From their intimate approach to viticulture to their deliberate respect of terroir, Cave de Saumur crafts wines that eloquently speak of Saumur as a place of deeply rooted traditions.

Established in January 2002 when seven cooperative cellars decided to join forces, Alliance Loire has become an essential player in AOP Loire Valley wines. In its leading position in Loire Valley wines, Alliance Loire offers a wide range covering all vineyard regions along the Loire River, from Nantes on the Atlantic coast to the Touraine region 1,000 kilometres inland.

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## *Tasting Note:*

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## *Shelf Talker:*



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